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Army denies Jounieh blockade

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Israeli military sources said last night that the weekend interception of two Cypriot ships bound for the Lebanese-Christian port of Jounieh did not mean that the area was under blockade.

"There is no blockade of Jounieh," an authoritative military source said here last night. His comments followed reports of a sharp Cypriot protest to Israel for turning back the 3,800-ton *Sunnyboat* and the 8,187-ton *Empress*, and Lebanese attempts to get the superpowers to stop Israel from cutting off the Christians' vital lifeline to the outside world.

Prime Minister Shamir also denied last night that Israel had blockaded Jounieh.

Military sources confirmed that the IDF stopped the *Empress*, but said it was a routine step, and that the ship was allowed to continue after it was ascertained that only crewmen were aboard.

The *Sunnyboat*, reportedly carrying 64 passengers, was intercepted on its way from Larnaca to Jounieh on Friday at 1 p.m.

According to Israeli military sources the intercepting vessel, a missile boat, ordered the Cypriot captain to hand over the terrorists he had on board. When he refused, the ship was told to turn back.

The *Sunnyboat's* skipper, Dimitris Varkas, said the missile boat's commander contacted him on the radio charging he was "continuing to transfer Palestinian terrorists to Lebanon." However, he maintained, no Palestinians were listed among the passengers.

The Israelis did not board the ship and it was turned back.

The Israeli action followed several warnings - transmitted through "various channels," according to one military source here - that the *Sunnyboat* and the *Empress* were ferrying Palestinian fighters to Jounieh.

In the past, Israel and the Christian Lebanese Forces have collaborated in fighting the Palestinians. But the Christians are now believed to be trying to mend fences with the Palestinians to gain support in their anticipated confrontation with Syria. Moreover, the Palestinians have reportedly been paying the Christians for the right to use the port of Jounieh to send reinforcements to southern Lebanon to fight the Shi'ite Amal militia.

Friday's action means that all Lebanese ports are under Israeli control, though not necessarily under constant supervision, a well-placed source said.

"Something [like Friday's action] is sufficient for them to understand that we mean business," one source said of Israel's attempts to prevent the Palestinians from returning in even greater numbers to Lebanon.

But the action has caused a wave of diplomatic activity. Reports from Cyprus said its government has protested the interception.

"It is entirely unacceptable and the government has already made a strong protest to the Israeli authorities," the Cypriot government's spokesman said in a statement.

The Israeli envoy in Nicosia was asked for an explanation of the incident and the Foreign Ministry was checking into the matter.

Meanwhile in Beirut, President Amin Gemayel protested to the superpowers against what he termed the naval blockade of the Christian-controlled enclave in his country.



The burnt-out interior of the Aroesti family apartment in Givatayim (Andre Bruttman/Media)

Fire sweeps through 11-storey Givatayim apartment building

Father, 3 children die in blaze

GHVATAYIM (Itim). - Four members of the Aroesti family died of suffocation during a fire yesterday that raced through the 11-storey apartment building at 23 Rehov Herzog: Yitzhak, 41, and his three children. Itai, 8, Idit, 6 and Yair, 4. The mother, Dafna, 40, was hospitalized in serious condition.

Sixteen others were hospitalized, most of them with light injuries, including two firefighters.

Although the cause of the blaze has not been officially established, it apparently broke out early yesterday in one of the electrical fuse boxes on the fourth or fifth floors. The fire spread quickly up the stairwell and the elevator shaft.

All rooms in the Aroesti flat were either destroyed by the fire or badly charred, except for the children's room, which was hardly damaged.

Esther Alkalai, who lives next door to the Aroesti flat, said that she was awakened at 5 a.m. by shouts from the ninth floor: "Help, my children are suffocating."

"I tried to call the fire brigade," Alkalai said, "but the phone was dead and there was no electricity. The smoke was everywhere and it was hard to breathe. I woke up my husband and we went to a window further away from the smoke."

"We started to shout for someone to save us. It was dark outside and the street was deserted. Mothers were screaming from almost every window that their children were choking. Everybody was in a panic, and it seemed like an eternity until the fire brigade showed up."

"We were saved by our metal security door - it was like a miracle of Hanukka. The door kept the flames and much of the smoke from coming into our flat. The Aroestis weren't so lucky. They had a wooden door."

Yitzhak Rudnitzky, a fourth-floor resident, was awakened by a noise that he said sounded like a burst

water pipe. He stepped out of his flat and ran into a wall of flames. He began to awaken other residents.

Those who sought to call the fire brigade found the telephones dead - the fire apparently had damaged the lines. Some managed to escape to the building next door, at which time the fire brigade was alerted.

Many residents of the upper floors were trapped in their flats from the thick smoke that billowed up the stairwell, since there were no other ways out of the building. Flats with metal security doors were better protected against the smoke than those with wooden doors.

The family whose father and three children were killed were apparently trying to escape from their flat when they were overcome by smoke. They had planned to move to a new flat next week.

Fire trucks, ambulances and emergency rescue vehicles of Magen David Adom arrived at the scene and worked throughout the morning in a driving rain.

While the firefighters doused the flames and searched each flat for people who may possibly have been trapped, the medical teams, which included many volunteers, gave first aid to the victims, most of whom suffered from smoke inhalation.

Those trapped in their flats hung out of windows gasping for air or huddled on balconies. They were plucked from the upper floors by a crane. One man panicked and started to jump from his flat, but was calmed by his rescuers and brought to ground safely.

City officials including Mayor Yitzhak Yaron were on the scene to help families find temporary accommodations. Many residents left notes attached to the charred doors of their flats to let relatives looking for them know that they had escaped.

Deletion of 'le'om' from ID card being weighed Peretz set on quitting

By SARAH HONIG ASHER WALLFISH and HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz will reiterate to the cabinet this morning his decision to resign over the Shoshana Miller conversion affair. Prime Minister Shamir's sole chance of averting Peretz's exit will be to persuade the coalition to approve the minister's proposal to delete the category "national group" (le'om) from identity cards.

Shamir's efforts to keep Peretz in the cabinet may well be foiled by suspicions in both major parties that Peretz intends to retain the category "national group" in the internal files of the population registry at the Interior Ministry. They suspect he is building up a so-called "blacklist" for the purpose of keeping tabs on immigrants whose status as Jews is doubted by Orthodox rabbis.

Shamir met last night with his aides and other ministers, to discuss dropping the nationality rubric from identity cards. The idea was regarded quite favourably, a senior source told *The Jerusalem Post*. Another source said that this idea was only one of several being considered by the prime minister.

It has long been argued in many circles that the registration of national origin is an anachronism.

But the premier's aides were consulting with security experts last night, to check whether the change would pose a security hazard.



Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz (Brauner)

Currently, security personnel can quickly distinguish Jews from Druse, Christians or Moslems when checking ID cards.

Peretz has let the Likud know that he is amenable to the idea, but that

he wants the ministry's population registry to retain a record of all conversions and which rabbi performed them. This record, he maintains, would be sufficient to prevent Reform converts from being married as Jews.

Labour sources last night told *The Post* that its leadership "tends" to agree with the general idea, though it would have "to study just what sort of arrangements would be made in addition to removing the national group classification" from ID cards.

Shamir promised Peretz that he would notify him early this morning of his decision on the plan. Shamir's supreme political authority, the Council of Torah Sages, will then review the situation. Following that meeting Peretz is due to make his move at the cabinet. If he resigns, the resignation would take effect 48 hours later.

If he does not resign, Peretz will face a High Court order that he sign Miller's identity card, defining her as a Jew, by tomorrow.

Labour ministers were divided about the plan to keep Peretz in the cabinet. Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev expressed "total opposition to doing away with the nationality clause. This would only make it possible for the religious groups to investigate who made which conversion. That is unacceptable. This is not the first time Peretz has threatened to resign. We should not get too alarmed by these threats."

Labour MK Shevah Weiss said that eliminating the category would enable Peretz to avoid complying

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Accord near on economic package

By AVI TEMKIN and MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The government, the Histadrut and the private-sector employers are close to a broad agreement on prices, wages, and reforms in the tax system and the capital market, government sources said last night. They added that efforts would be made this week to finalize an accord.

Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Moshe Nissim met on Friday to discuss the outcome of the talks they held last week with representatives of the Histadrut, the Manufacturers Association and the self-employed.

According to the sources, Friday's

meeting also dealt with the proposed cuts in the budget. They said Peres asked Nissim to suggest alternatives to the cuts the Treasury originally proposed. Peres is opposed to the Treasury's plan for a NIS 180 million cut in the defence budget, as well as to the plan to introduce user fees in the health services.

According to the sources, any accord reached this week would include an understanding on the budget and on the proposed reforms. They said agreement already exists on the reforms in the capital market and in corporate taxes. They said Peres supports the Histadrut demand to set up a committee of three experts to draft income tax

reforms. Nissim opposes this, the sources said, but would accept it if the committee ended its deliberations in a few weeks.

According to the sources the understanding between the Histadrut and the industrialists would include a section on aid to financially distressed firms. They said the electronics industry would probably receive aid, which would ease the problems created by the falling value of the dollar and the drop in orders from the Defence Ministry. Aid might also be given to several financially troubled Histadrut-linked bodies.

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O'Connor, Weizman meet in Herzliya

By HAIM SHAPIRO and SIMON LOUISSE
Jerusalem Post Reporters

New York Cardinal John O'Connor met last night with Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman at a dinner held in the Herzliya home of U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering. Foreign Minister Peres was also reportedly invited but did not attend.

O'Connor met on Friday with Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer, the only minister he was allowed to meet with officially under Vatican guidelines.

President Herzog, Prime Minister Shamir and Foreign Minister Peres have insisted that they will meet O'Connor only in their official capacity.

In an interview with NBC news on Friday, Shamir said: "We have nothing against Cardinal O'Connor. We know that he is bound by instructions from the Vatican. However, we are disappointed in the stand of the Vatican. The time has come for the Vatican to recognize the existence of Israel and the fact that Jeru-

salem is Israel's capital. I hope that in the not too distant future the Vatican will change its approach to Israel."

Clerics in Nazareth were reportedly miffed yesterday when O'Connor kept them waiting while he toured Galilee. The Bishop of Nazareth and other church notables waited for the cardinal in vain.

On Friday, during his meeting with Hammer, the New York cleric suggested that since the Israeli government had made its point of principle, a meeting with other leaders might be arranged. Hammer answered that since the Vatican had made its point, the same might be true.

After the meeting, Hammer said he had stressed that if the Vatican desired a real reconciliation with the Jewish people, this must come "through Jerusalem and Israel" and not through "individual Jewish communities," in Rome or New York.

O'Connor said they had discussed the meaning of their respective faiths and that he had told Hammer that in

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Hospital disruptions planned for today

By JUDY SIEGEL
Science and Health Reporter

Major disruptions in the country's hospital system will take place today unless a last-minute solution can be found by the Treasury and the nurses, who are demanding implementation of an accord signed with them over two months ago. Health Minister Shoshana Arbel-Almoshino is due to meet Finance Minister Moshe Nissim before the cabinet meeting this morning in a last-ditch attempt to resolve the issue.

The nurses are demanding day-care centres for their children, housing assistance and transportation to and from work - all part of the agreement that ended the recent nurses' strikes and sanctions. These services will cost the Treasury NIS 9 million.

The nurses say that unless transportation is provided, many nurses

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Precedent causing concern at Housing Ministry Arab Civil Guardsman gets housing rights

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. - The Housing Ministry is expected to appeal a precedent-setting ruling by the district court here granting an Arab volunteer in the Civil Guard the same mortgage rights as a policeman.

The ruling means the claimant, Nazareth social worker Ibrahim Khouri, is entitled to receive a special Housing Ministry mortgage towards purchasing a home in Upper Nazareth, which is classed as a development town.

The special mortgage for development towns has been available only to demobilized soldiers and their immediate relatives or to those serving in the police or Prisons Service. These requirements in effect have rendered most Arabs ineligible for this particular loan.

Government circles on Friday expressed concern that the ruling could open a flood of similar requests.

They noted that there was nothing to stop others from joining the Civil Guard or becoming special policemen, and then applying for loans to buy homes in development towns like Acre, Upper Nazareth and Ma'alot-Tarshiha, which have mixed Arab-Jewish populations.

"It might even be possible for residents of Arab villages to join Civil Guard units, become special policemen and then apply for loans to buy homes

in Safad, Migdal Ha'emek or other Jewish development towns," said one of the sources.

Khouri, head of rehabilitation services in Nazareth, joined the Civil Guard in Upper Nazareth in 1980. He later applied for and was accredited with the status of a special policeman.

In 1981 he applied to the Housing Ministry for a mortgage loan towards buying a home in Upper Nazareth, which was established as a Jewish town.

He was refused on the grounds that he had not served in the army, the police force or Prisons Service.

The 33-year-old father of four appealed to the courts, claiming that as a member of the Civil Guard and with the credentials of a special policeman, he should receive the same privileges as a policeman.

Nazareth district court judge Abed al-Rahman Zuabi on Wednesday granted the request, adding that Khouri was eligible to receive the mortgage loan. He also ordered the Housing Ministry, which had opposed the application, to pay court costs.

Amnon Ashuri, head of the Housing Ministry's department of housing assistance, told *The Jerusalem Post* he had not yet received a copy of the court ruling. "If that was the verdict, then we will have to study the implications very closely," he said.

Other government officials, concerned about the verdict, said the ministry would probably appeal.

Khouri himself, who lives in a rented flat in Upper Nazareth, played down the officials' fears. "I don't think there are many other people in my situation, although they [the Housing Ministry] realize that the court decision could open the door to other claims," he told *The Post*.

Khouri said he had joined the Civil Guard shortly after moving to Upper Nazareth out of a sense of civic duty. "Bombs do not discriminate between Arabs or Jews and I wanted to do my bit for the security of the area in which I live," he said.

Only later, after his application for a Housing Ministry loan was refused, did he decide to apply to the courts.

"I realize that Upper Nazareth is a predominantly Jewish community and I accept that there should be some separation," he said.

"Nevertheless, I want to live here with my family and I think that in a democratic country like Israel there should be sufficient leeway for exceptional cases like mine."

"I was in a dilemma because I did not want to set a precedent, which others might take advantage of, but in the circumstances I had no choice but to appeal to the courts."

Khouri added that he would submit a new loan application to the Housing Ministry shortly.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	67	5-11	12
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Nahariya	73	9-16	17
Safed	49	6-9	10
Haifa Port	93	11-15	16
Tiberias	93	9-15	14
Nazareth	93	9-15	14
Afula	94	9-14	16
Shimon	94	12-11	13
Tel Aviv	86	11-16	18
B-G Airport	79	11-16	18
Jericho	80	11-14	20
Gaza	78	11-18	17
Beersheva	96	10-16	18
Eilat	32	12-22	23

Kimche: North a liar

David Kimche, former director-general of the foreign ministry, referred to Col. Oliver North as a "liar" in an interview aired yesterday.

Speaking on Israel Radio's English-language broadcast, Kimche denied the accusation reportedly made by North that he (Kimche) had proposed diverting funds from the weapons sales to Iran to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

"If he said it, he's a liar," Kimche said in the interview.

He also said that anyone who accused Israel, or him, of involvement in the Contra link was guilty of "slandering against myself, and much more so, against the state of Israel."

Israel "had no interest whatsoever to bring in the subject of the Contras... We sold arms to Iran at the request of the Americans," he added.

Nakash still extraditable

The validity of the declaration recognizing William Nakash as extraditable to France was extended by the Supreme Court on Friday.

The declaration, which makes it possible to extradite Nakash to France where he was convicted of murder, was to have expired today.

The force of the declaration was extended pending the High Court's ruling on the petition against Justice Minister Avraham Shari's decision not to extradite Nakash. A five-justice panel is to resume its hearings in the case today. (Itim)

Wizo day-care centres open late today

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Wizo day-care centres will open this morning at 10 a.m. and tomorrow at 9 a.m., in continuing disputes between workers and management over work conditions and hours.

This schedule will continue on alternate days until the dispute is resolved or workers adopt further sanctions.

Egyptian 'No' to Israel on book fair

CAIRO (Itim). - The Egyptian minister of culture announced here Friday that Egypt has rejected Israel's request to participate in the Cairo Book Fair.

Dr. Ahmed Heykal denied in an interview with the *Al-Ahram* newspaper Israeli newspaper reports that he had officially invited Israel to participate in the fair. He noted that Israel had applied last November to participate but had been turned down.

Israel's request to participate in the Cairo Biennale (art festival) had also been rejected, he said. He added that Israel would not be permitted to participate in the fair either directly or indirectly through foreign publishers.

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

\$3 billion for Israel in Reagan's budget

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - President Reagan will this week unveil his new federal budget, which will include the same \$3 billion economic and military aid level for Israel as last year.

Administration officials said that Israel will be slated to receive the same \$1.2b. in economic grants and \$1.8b. in military grants in the 1988 fiscal year budget, which begins on October 1, 1987.

The foreign aid package will be part of the first-ever trillion-dollar federal budget proposal presented to Congress for approval.

In his weekly radio address yesterday, Reagan said that his overall proposals are within the spending limits imposed by the Gramm Rudman budget-cutting law aimed at eliminating deficit spending. "The American people expect us to work together to eliminate the deficit," Reagan said, referring to the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government. "I remain ready to do so."

As part of the foreign aid programme, Egypt is slated to receive in the 1988 fiscal year package the same \$2.3b. in U.S. assistance as last year.

- \$1.2b. in military grants and \$1.1b. in economic grants. Israel and Egypt are the largest recipients of U.S. foreign aid.

Administration efforts to eliminate specific congressional "earmarking" of funds for Israel and Egypt are expected to be easily defeated in both the Senate and House. Traditionally, administration officials have opposed legislative earmarking of foreign aid funds in order to allow the president as much flexibility as possible in distributing them.

But Israel's best friends on Capitol Hill - anxious to make certain that funds for Israel are not cut by the administration - will again fight to maintain earmarking.

Last month, Reagan approved a plan to reduce the annual interest rates on outstanding military loans to Israel, Egypt and other foreign aid recipients - a move which will save Israel about \$200 million in lower interest payments this year alone. Over the next four years, Israel will save over \$1b. because of the scheme.

The interest-rate reduction decision will serve as another important "short-in-the-arm" for Israel's economic stabilization programme, a U.S. official said.

But the Americans, led by Secretary of State George Shultz, are still hoping that Israel will impose additional budget cuts of its own as well as other economic reform measures.

They have been carefully monitoring the most recent debate over economic policy in Jerusalem.

In the coming days, senators and representatives will return to Washington for the new session of Congress. The immediate focus of their attention remains the Iran arms/Contra-funding affair.

For the first time since Reagan took office, both the Senate and House are Democratic-controlled.

Two special committees have been formed to investigate the scandals. The House panel is chaired by Democratic Representative Lee Hamilton of Indiana, while the Senate panel is chaired by Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii. Their nationally-televised hearings are expected to begin in early February and to continue for several months.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, whose new chairman is Democrat Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, is scheduled to hold separate hearings on Iran later this month.

Rubinstein says Shamir should have fired Shalom

'GSS men should get their jobs back'

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein and jurist Dr. Michael Cheshin called yesterday for the reinstatement of the three Shin Bet (General Security Service) officers who were dismissed for exposing the Shin Bet crimes connected with the April 1984 bus hijacking.

Speaking on IDF radio, Rubinstein said two of the three had taken no part in the wrongdoings and should definitely get their jobs back. But he was less sure about the third, who had participated in the cover-up before reporting it.

Cheshin, who was the attorney for one of the men, Rafi Malka, told Kol Yisrael in a separate interview, that he had found the report "difficult, disappointing and depressing," primarily because it did not call for reinstatement of the three men.

"The report says the affair proves that the principle of the rule of law is supreme in Israel, but if you ask these three men's children, I don't think they would agree with that," Cheshin said.

The three officers - former deputy Shin Bet head Reuven Hazak, Peleg Radaai and Malka - were forced out by former Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom. Malka, reinstated following a High Court decision, has reportedly been pressured to leave again.

Rubinstein said that if Shamir knew all along that the Shin Bet chief had been lying, as sources close to the prime minister are now quoted as saying, then Shamir should have fired him or forced him to resign. "I thought Peres acted improperly, too, and I wasn't ashamed to say so," he added.

added, "Loyalty is a great thing, particularly in the political jungle, but Peres's loyalty to the head of the Shin Bet went too far... I also think the Bar Association's policy of keeping quiet on issues like this, and doing nothing but invite senior ministers to luncheons, is a discredit to Israel's lawyers and should cease immediately."

Former Shin Bet operative Rafi Eitan told IDF Radio that the Shin Bet must change its working methods, in line with changes made by intelligence agencies in the U.S. because of today's vigorous and probing media. The media cannot be blamed for doing their job, he said, but the secret services have to find ways of minimizing the damage that can be caused by the exposure of information they would prefer to keep secret.

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Miller in U.S. to care for sick father

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reform convert Shoshana Miller said she will return to Israel when her aged, sick and widowed father no longer needs her to care for him in the U.S. She said this in a telephone interview yesterday on Israel radio.

"I'm not a political animal," she said. "When I converted I believed I was making an entirely personal commitment. I suddenly found myself in the centre of a public controversy."

For her, the resignation of Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz "is proof that all the streams in Judaism have to be treated equally." She hopes his resignation and the High Court's decision "will finally get the Miller Affair out of the headlines."

Asked why she didn't undergo an Orthodox conversion to remove her name from the headlines, she said the conversion she experienced was a momentous event in her life and she saw no reason to do it again.

In a separate interview on Army Radio, Communication's Minister Amnon Rubinstein said he doesn't understand why the Labour Party works so hard to woo the Shas party. Even if Labour could form a narrowly-based government, he said, there is no way that the Citizens Rights Movement, Shitru and Mapam could accept Shas's tactics.



A New England driver stands helpless on the roof of his car after it stalled on a flooded street in Hull, Massachusetts, on Friday. The area was hit with a severe storm that flooded low-lying areas and dumped some 50 centimetres of snow in others. (Reuters telephoto)

Left-wing delegates become target of death threats

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Leading members of the left-wing delegation which met with the PLO in Romania two months ago have become the target of death threats and practical jokes, following the recent appearance of a pamphlet containing their names, home addresses and phone numbers.

Rakach spokesman Uzi Burstein, who flew to Romania with the delegation but did not participate in the talks, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the pamphlet was issued by MK Meir Kahane's Kach movement.

Burstein has received several anonymous threats over the past week, and has been the victim of various hoaxes. An ambulance was sent to his home and on Friday a burial society phoned to inquire when they could "collect the body of Uzi Burstein."

Burstein said that he had lodged a complaint with the police. But they had not agreed to his request that his telephone be monitored, he said.

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Kahane's Kach movement.

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Six SLA men killed by Shi'ites

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA. - Six South Lebanese Army soldiers were killed and two wounded on Friday when Shi'ite extremists overran an SLA stronghold near the village of Barashit close to the Israeli border. SLA sources have reported.

A force of up to 80 terrorists, believed to have been members of the Hizbullah, stormed the position.

The attackers were armed with rocket-propelled grenades and light arms. Two of them are believed to have been killed and several wounded in the fierce fighting.

They reportedly took weapons and documents before setting fire to the SLA position, on the outskirts of the village. SLA reinforcements were rushed to the scene but arrived too late to help. The two wounded soldiers were treated for medium injuries at the Marjayoun hospital.

The attack followed a period of relative calm in the South Lebanon security zone as the Shi'ites from Amal and the Palestinians were preoccupied with their own battles.

The previous concerted attack on a SLA position occurred at the beginning of December when terrorists stormed a stronghold, killing five SLA soldiers.

Reports from Sidon yesterday said the SLA had shelled nine Shi'ite villages north of the security zone on Friday night and yesterday morning, causing damage but no casualties.

The bombardment was reported to be in response to Friday's attack on the SLA stronghold near Barashit in the centre of the security zone.

Production of Lavi 'is life or death for Israel'

Jerusalem Post Staff

Producing the Lavi is a matter of "life and death" for Israel from a technological standpoint, Prime Minister Shamir told British Jewish leaders in his office on Friday.

"If we stop [producing] the Lavi now, thousands of engineers and technicians would be fired," he said. "This would greatly harm technological progress in Israel. It is crucial to continue with the Lavi."

Shamir told his visitors there was no comparison between the Lavi and the British Nimrod surveillance plane that was scrapped recently in favour of the American Awacs.

"The Lavi is an excellent plane," he said. "Our experts say it is the best in the world."

Rabin rues defence cuts

KFAR SAVA (Itim). - Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday criticized the 10 per cent cut in the 1986/87 defence budget, saying that the savings made had been spent on private consumption, which rose by 12 per cent last year.

"It's a shame that rather than help productive branches such as agriculture or industry, the \$600 million in cuts were wasted on consumption reminiscent of the Arafat era," Rabin told an assembly of Labour Party youth. "But this time we can't blame the Likud, because we're partners in the government."

Rabin said that 95 per cent of defence spending went towards countering the threat posed by hostile Arab states, while the remainder was invested in the war against terrorism.

Post's watchman in stable condition after stabbing

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the two Arab night watchmen stabbed on Thursday night at *The Jerusalem Post* building was reported last night to be in stable condition at Shaare Zedek hospital. He was stabbed in the torso. The other was lightly injured in the hand and back and was released on Friday.

The hospitalized guard, who asked not to be identified, was talking to the switchboard operator inside the building when a light-coloured Fiat model 124 entered the grounds at midnight. The car was one of many that pulled up to obtain copies of the Jerusalem weekly *Kol Ha'ir*, which is printed at *The Jerusalem Post* press.

The driver of the Fiat allegedly demanded that the guard open the security gate leading to the back of the building, which provides easy access to the press. When the demand was refused, one of the men got out of the car and tried to scale the gate. His companions came to his assistance when the watchmen tried to pull him down.

The guard urgently called the other watchman's name several times and the latter, followed by the telephonist and the head of the dispatch department, ran outside to see what was the matter. The second watchman joined in the fray. The telephonist screamed at the men to stop fighting, but when her plea was to no avail, she called the police and Magen David Adom.

Eyewitnesses to the incident did not see any of the knives the assailants apparently carried with them. The only visible weapons were two sticks, the size of broom handles. A *Post* employee who saw the scuffle said that the attackers were raining blows on the watchmen, who wrestled for the sticks but were then stabbed in the fighting.

The assailants then drove off but *Post* employees noted the make and number of the car.

Jerusalem Police spokesman Rafi Levy said last night that although the vehicle had been identified, it had not yet been tracked down. He also said that the driver Thursday night was not necessarily the person in whose name the vehicle was registered. He was confident that police would be able to trace both the car and its occupants some time today or tomorrow at the latest.



Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levi presents a Galil rifle to Giora Zaid on Friday in appreciation of his defence service. In the Galilee. Looking on is Aluf (res.) Rehavim Ze'evi (centre). (IDF Spokesman)

IDF closes An-Najah: Fatah planned incidents

By JOEL GREENBERG

An-Najah University in Nablus was closed yesterday for a week to prevent violent demonstrations, military sources said.

The sources said Fatah supporters at the campus had been planning "serious incidents" to mark the recent 22nd anniversary of the founding of the organization, and the closure was intended to prevent violence.

A university spokesman denied last night that demonstrations had been planned. He said students had told university administrators that no "non-academic activity" had

been planned, and he condemned the closure as "punishment for acts not yet committed."

He said An-Najah had lost 22 days in the current academic year because of a week's closure ordered last month during a wave of disturbances in the territories, and army roadblocks on various days which had prevented access to the campus.

Classes resumed yesterday at the old campus of Bir Zeit University. The campus was ordered closed on December 8 after a violent demonstration in which two students were killed by IDF troops.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and its International Board of Governors deeply mourn the passing of

FLORENCE DWORSKY

A veteran friend and lifelong ardent supporter of the university, who devoted herself to the advancement of science and culture in Israel.

The funeral will take place at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, January 5, 1987, at the Sanhedria funeral parlour in Jerusalem.

It is my sorrow to announce the passing of

Aunt FLORENCE DWORSKY

Esther R. Hamburger

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 5, 1987, at 1:00 p.m., at the Sanhedria funeral parlour. Friends are welcome to call at 9 Rehov Diskin, Jerusalem, 4-9 p.m., until Shabbat.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear

HANS RIESENFELD

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, January 4, 1987, at Holon Cemetery, at 1:00 p.m. We shall meet at the new gate.

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FOREIGN AND REGIONAL NEWS

Economics prof. Galbraith:

Crash like '29 again possible

BOSTON (AP). — The speculative stock market and feverish corporate buyouts of today had their parallels in the 1920s, says economist John Kenneth Galbraith, who warns that another crash is possible.

"The market at this stage is inherently unstable," Galbraith writes in the January issue of the *Atlantic Magazine*.

Any longstanding increase in stock prices, like the one that preceded the crash of 1929 and the increase of the past few years, attracts investors who want to gain from the upward rise in prices and get out before they fall, Galbraith writes. Such speculation drives up stock prices even further.

"And the prices so achieved no longer have any relation to underlying circumstances," such as the strength of the economy, he said.

"What we do know is that speculative episodes never come gently to an end. The wise, though for most the improbable, course is to assume the worst," said Galbraith, economics adviser to several presidents and retired Harvard University economics professor.

A second parallel with 1929, Galbraith writes, is "the present commitment to seemingly imaginative, currently lucrative and eventually disastrous innovation in financial structures."

In the 1920s, he says, investment firms invented new forms of holding companies and investment trusts. Neither the trusts nor the holding companies conducted a business, they existed only to own other companies. Both incurred debt that required a continual stream of profits to finance.

Galbraith sees parallels in today's wave of corporate takeovers. Many are leveraged buyouts, in which the acquiring company uses the assets of the sought-after company as collateral to obtain the funds needed for the takeover. These takeovers, like the investment schemes of the late 1920s, create massive amounts of debt.

"This debt has a first claim on earnings," he writes, and "a fall in earnings will render the debt burden insupportable."

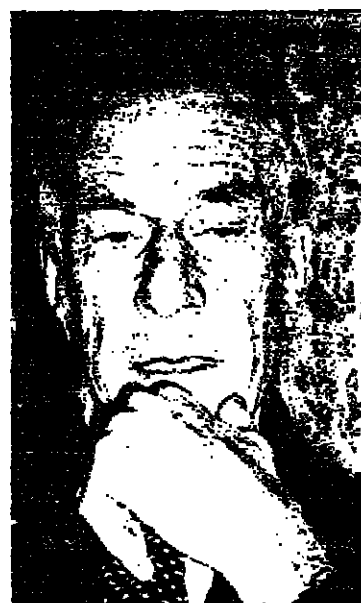
Galbraith says today's costly takeovers "will eventually be re-

garded as no less insane than the utility and railroad pyramiding and the investment-trust explosion of the 1920s."

After the crash of 1929, many financiers were humiliated before committees of the U.S. Congress. Some went to jail and a few committed suicide, he writes. "The young professionals now engaged in much-admired and no less publicized trading, merger takeover, buyback and other deals... will one day, we can be sadly sure, suffer a broadly similar fate," he says.

"The end for those in the present play will come when either recession or a tight money crunch to arrest inflation makes the debt load they have so confidently created no longer tolerable," he writes.

Galbraith says all the fevered investment today, like that in the pre-depression period, has little to do with improving the nation's industrial base. "The young men who serve in the great investment houses render no service to investment decisions, product innovation, production, automation or labour relations



John Kenneth Galbraith

in the companies whose securities they shuffle...Mostly their operations absorb savings into an inherently sterile activity."

Calls Aquino rule 'dictatorship'

Enrile challenges constitution

MANILA. — Former Philippine Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile called on voters to reject the new constitution as President Corason Aquino launched a month-long drive for the charter's approval.

Enrile, in a speech in Zamboanga City, branded Mrs. Aquino's 10-month administration a "revolutionary dictatorship" and said rejection of the constitution would force new presidential elections. The draft charter goes before the voters in a February 2 plebiscite seen as a referendum for Mrs. Aquino's stewardship.

The constitution, completed last October, confers on Mrs. Aquino a six-year term until June 1992 without new elections. But it bars her from seeking re-election.

Enrile's call signalled an escalation of the political battle over the charter because the 62-year-old Harvard-trained lawyer is the most prominent Filipino to come out publicly against ratification.

Supporters of ex-president Ferdinand Marcos and the leadership of the country's largest and most militant labour federation, the May 1st Movement, have already announced their opposition to the charter.

The communist-dominated National Democratic Front has not taken a public position on the constitution. The government has said any concessions during peace talks with the Front must be in line with the charter. On Saturday, Front officials said this was unacceptable and charged that portions of the charter were "anti-people and pro-imperialist." Talks begin Tuesday.

In his speech, Enrile said the constitution did not reflect popular will because it was drafted by a commission appointed by the President and not elected by the voters. The charter would replace the 1973 Marcos-era constitution which Mrs. Aquino abrogated after taking power in February. "We reject the draft constitution because the government sponsoring it is a dictatorship," he said. Enrile, who served as Marcos's defence chief for some 16 years, was dismissed from the cabinet November 23 after the government said the army had foiled a coup by disaffected officers loyal to him.

Mrs. Aquino has refused to call new presidential elections, saying she won a six-year term in the fraudulent February 7 balloting against Marcos. But right-wing critics claim

the outcome of the election remains in doubt because ballots were never completely counted. Both Mrs. Aquino and Marcos claimed victory in the election.

In Manila, communist rebels yesterday said they were still willing to pursue peace talks after the Philippine government's firm rejection of their demand for a coalition, which they blamed on alleged U.S. meddling.

In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, the separatist Moro National Liberation Front yesterday in effect agreed to scale down its demand for an independent homeland and decided to negotiate with the Manila government for autonomy in Mindanao and four other islands in the southern Philippines.

MNLF chairman Nur Misuari had insisted on independence for Mindanao, the homeland for about five million Moslems, and had been waging war for a self-governing republic in that region for about 15 years.

(AFP, AFP)

Peking's first money market opens

PEKING (AP). — Peking's first money market opened yesterday, with about 550 million yuan (\$149 million) changing hands in the first two hours of trading.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the market, run by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, offers services in interbank borrowing and lending, exchange of stocks and negotiable securities and financial consultation.

Fourteen financial institutions took part in first-day transactions, the report said. It said crowds of people, including onlookers, filled

the office near the Temple of Heaven in southern Peking.

Xinhua said the Tianqiao Department Store Co., offered \$82,000 worth of stock for sale, and that most buyers were individuals.

It said one young woman bought \$8,100 worth of stock for her husband, who runs a factory in a Peking suburb. The average wage of a Chinese worker is about \$270 a year.

The department store is offering interest and dividend rates 100 per cent higher than those offered by banks, it said.

The report did not say if any other

companies sold stocks.

China's first stock market opened in Shanghai last fall, with two companies selling shares. Almost all shares were purchased on the first day, and there have been almost no transactions since then.

The market there, also run by the Industrial and Commercial Bank, imposed a 15 per cent maximum that can be earned on shares from interest and dividends. Financial centres, now being encouraged by the government to raise badly needed capital for development, have also opened in Shenyang, Wuhan, Chungking and other cities.



Anti-riot police remove striking railway employees from the tracks at Nice railway station yesterday to allow a Marseilles-bound train to run to its final destination. Train traffic in France has been severely disrupted since the wildcat strike began more than two weeks ago. (AFP photo)

Botha digs in:

All-white suburbs to stay

JOHANNESBURG. — President P.W. Botha yesterday rebuffed a mixed-race cabinet minister and pledged not to scrap all-white suburbs, a major issue in the general election he plans for whites.

The Rev. Allan Hendrickse, one of two cabinet ministers not classified as white, told his Labour Party Friday night that it might have to consider pulling out of parliament if Botha would not scrap laws which compel the country's four main race groups to live in separate areas.

Radio South Africa said it approached Botha for comment and was told: "Government policy is to retain exclusive suburbs for the different population (race) groups."

Botha's stance was clearly aimed at reassuring right-wing whites in the buildup to an election which he has promised to hold in the next few months.

The government sees its main electoral threat from right-wing extremists who broke with Botha's National Party when he gave coloured and Indian representatives separate and junior parliamentary

chambers in 1984.

Hendrickse and others who took up Botha's offer are denounced as "sellouts" by anti-apartheid groups for joining a racially-based parliament which still excludes the black majority.

An explosion rocked an office block in central Johannesburg yesterday and at least one person was injured, eyewitnesses said.

The witnesses said the blast hit the ground floor of a prestige skyscraper owned by the Sanlam group, a South African company. (Reuters, AP)

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"Africa's policy reforms are full of political risks and, unless they are fully underwritten, they may become economically and politically counter-productive," he warned.

African first in 15 years

Crops outstrip population growth

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). — Africa's food production increased by more than three per cent in 1986, outstripping population growth for the first time in 15 years. Adebayo Adedeji, executive secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), said Friday.

"For the first time in more than a decade and a half, agricultural output in Africa in 1986 grew by more than three per cent — a figure which is slightly more than the population growth rate," he told a news conference.

Reviewing Africa's economic performance over the past year, Adedeji said the growth in agriculture was most significant, especially considering the locust threat and severe drought the year before.

But he noted that a catastrophic drop in world commodity prices had cut Africa's export earnings by 25 per cent in 1986.

The continent's exports fell to \$44.3 billion from \$60.6b. in 1985 due to the slump in oil and other commodity prices.

Adedeji said the generally poor demand for African commodity exports was unprecedented since the Great Depression of 1929, and Africa's economic prospects for the coming year were uncertain.

Exports were expected to remain depressed and sluggish in view of the current world glut of commodities, but prevailing favourable weather conditions pointed to a further four per cent growth in agriculture.

Even so, Adedeji noted that

several African states, such as Mozambique, Ethiopia, Somalia and the Sudan, would continue to suffer from structural food deficits in 1987.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Miss Liberty's outstretched hand

NEW YORK (AP). — The National Park Service will begin charging a temporary \$1 entry fee to the Statue of Liberty, beginning next month, officials said.

The Park Service is adding the entry fee to selected parks and monuments to repay a \$15 million loan from the Federal government for park rehabilitation.

Rubbish threatens Everest, Annapurna

KATHMANDU (AFP). — Nepal is considering banning mountaineers and trekkers from Mount Everest and Mount Annapurna after 1990 in a bid to protect the two peaks from becoming massive rubbish dumps.

A Tourism Ministry spokesman said yesterday that if the ban is imposed the two peaks would be off-limits "for some time... till we can clean up both mountains' surroundings." To compensate the Nepalese government is contemplating opening up hundreds of virgin peaks to mountaineers and trekkers, the spokesman added.

95 dead in San Juan hotel fire

SAN JUAN (AFP). — Rescue workers yesterday resumed their search for bodies in the rubble of the luxury Dupont Plaza hotel here, where a fire on New Year's Eve claimed at least 95 lives.

Only 28 victims had been identified so far because most of their bodies were charred beyond recognition. Forty-one people were still in hospital and dozens listed as missing.

Investigators were still working on the theory that the fire was started deliberately. Witnesses said they heard explosions before the fire engulfed the ground floor ballroom and the casino above it.

The fire broke out 10 minutes after the breakdown of negotiations between the hotel management and trade union members representing 250 out of the 450 employees.

Saville Row tailors offer suits at 1911 prices

LONDON (Reuters). — Morning-suited staff at an exclusive Saville Row tailors watched in horror Friday as hundreds of customers fought for suits on sale at 1911 prices.

The sale was at Gieves and Hawkes, suppliers to Britain's royal family for generations, to mark the 75th anniversary of the firm's mail order catalogue. Staff confessed they were unprepared for the hundreds of people who waited up to 16 hours for £3.50 suits usually priced at £500.

Honduran babies sold for 'spare parts'

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (Reuters). — Foreigners have adopted Honduran babies and then sold their body parts for use in organ transplants, a Honduran official said in a newspaper interview published yesterday.

Leonard Villeda Bermudez, secretary-general of the National Social Welfare Commission, said many of the babies had physical deformities.

"At first it was believed that they were noble people who took these children because they really felt affection for them," Villeda said in an interview with *La Tribuna* newspaper. "But with time it was discovered that they wanted to sell them for parts."

"For example, they would take out their eyes for needy children and use them in body parts trafficking..." he said.

71 killed in W. African plane crashes

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP). — A Brazilian Varig Boeing 707 bound for Rio de Janeiro crashed after takeoff from Abidjan early yesterday morning. Only two of the 51 persons aboard survived, Abidjan's fire department said.

The department said the two survivors were badly injured. It said one of the survivors was Lebanese from Brazil and the other from the Ivory Coast.

The identities of the 39 passengers and 12 crew aboard flight RG797 were not released, but Varig said they included one Chilean, two French citizens, one or two Cameroonians, one or two Senegalese, a Briton, an American and two West Germans.

In Madrid it was announced that the death toll from the crash of a Spanish Air Force plane off the coast of Equatorial Guinea has risen to 22.

New flare-up in Beirut war

BEIRUT (AFP). — Twelve people were wounded overnight Friday in the worst flare-up of violence across Beirut's "green line" in several weeks, police said here.

Shells fell in residential districts on both sides of the line dividing Christian East and Moslem West Beirut during the night, and rival militias were still exchanging fire on Saturday.

The demarcation line is manned in the eastern sector by the Lebanese army backed by Christian Lebanese Forces militia and in the western sector by Amal Shi'ite militia and pro-Iranian Hizbollah Moslem fundamentalists.

Meanwhile, in the "war of the camps" between Amal and Lebanese Palestinian community, both sides said there had been exchanges of shells and rockets at the Bourj el Barjneh and Shatilla refugee camps in the southern suburbs of Beirut.

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- The prices of the products listed in Column B of the Addendum to this notice, the customs classification numbers of which are listed in Column A, may be raised above the determining price by the amount listed in Column C.
- In this notice —
Customs Tariff means the first addendum to the Customs Tariff and Exemptions, and Purchase Tax on Goods Order, 1985 (2);
Customs Classification number means the number of the item in the Customs Tariff;
The permission to raise prices applies only to the goods listed in the Addendum below.
- If a maximum price has been fixed for an item in the Addendum, this permit to raise prices will not apply to retail prices of that product.
- This permit is effective from January 4, 1987.

Addendum (Section 1)		
Column A Customs Classification Number	Column B Product	Column C Percentage Increase in Price
33.06.3000	Toothpaste	7
33.06.4000	Shaving Cream	7
34.01	Soap	6
34.02	Surfactants used in laundry and cleaning materials	6
48.21.9990	Disposable paper diapers	10

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Agency HQ revealed to public after 39 years behind walls

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem architectural and historical landmark that virtually disappeared from public view in a puff of smoke 39 years ago has made a dramatic reappearance. The fences around the Jewish Agency complex have been demolished and its hitherto secluded courtyard has re-emerged as a distinctive public square.

The complex had been walled off from the city around it ever since a car bomb left by an Arab driver exploded on March 22, 1948, killing 12 people and causing extensive damage.

"We decided to change the concept," says Zohar Naor, deputy Agency director-general Shlomo Gazit. "We thought the building and courtyard were national monuments and should be an integral part of the city."

Built in the early 1930s, the complex had been the political and economic focus of the Jewish state-in-the-making, housing the Jewish Agency, Jewish National Fund and Keren Hayesod. It was among several "national" institutions built in the city at the time by the Zionist movement, including Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital. From the balcony over the main entrance, David Ben-Gurion and other Zionist leaders addressed crowds in the courtyard, and momentous decisions regarding the future of the Zionist movement were made in its offices.

The car bomb, which went off two

months before the establishment of the state, had been parked in front of Jerusalem Hagana headquarters, but had been moved by an alert guard who was himself killed in the explosion.

Naor hopes that the balcony will again be used for public addresses. "We see the square being used again for national occasions. There is none other like it in Jerusalem for public gatherings."

The initial proposal for the building, according to architectural historian David Kroyanker, had come in the 1920s from Leib Yaffe, co-director of Keren Hayesod, who saw the need for centralizing the Zionist offices scattered over the city. An architectural competition was won by Yochanan Ratner, a professor at the Technion and later a senior Hagana commander.

His solution was a horseshoe-shaped structure, with the Jewish Agency building in the centre flanked by wings housing the other two institutions. Most of the complex was set back from the street to block out traffic noise. The international style followed by Ratner in giving the building clean and simple lines contrasted sharply with the ornate neo-oriental style followed by British architects in the city at the time in the Rockefeller Museum and other buildings, notes Kroyanker.

On the first day of Passover in 1946, Jews streamed to the courtyard from synagogues all over the city in support of Zionist leaders staging a hunger strike in protest at the detention in Italy of a boatload of

refugees. The courtyard would be filled on happier occasions.

The Knesset held its first meetings in the Jewish Agency building in 1949. In the hall now known as Weizmann Auditorium, Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann, was elected and inaugurated.

Following the 1948 explosion, in which Leib Yaffe was one of the victims, an additional storey was added to the Keren Hayesod building against the wishes of architect Ratner.

The current restoration, designed by architect Yehuda Pereg, replaces the asphalt that had covered the courtyard with paving stones and opens the long-sealed main entrance directly from King George Street, in addition to the entrance from the corner of Rehov Keren Kayemet.

Parking for all Agency officials will now be in a rear courtyard. "The only two persons who will be able to enter the courtyard in a car will be the president and the prime minister," says Naor. "And then it will only be to deposit them and pick them up. There will no longer be any parking." Benches will be installed for the public.

The municipality has begun to floodlight the building, adding a dramatic element to the city's texture.

The closed-off nature of the Agency complex has contributed to a perception of the institution held by much of the public as a secluded nest of privilege. The current restoration has returned the complex, physically at least, to the people.

Cardinal O'Connor at Yad Vashem:

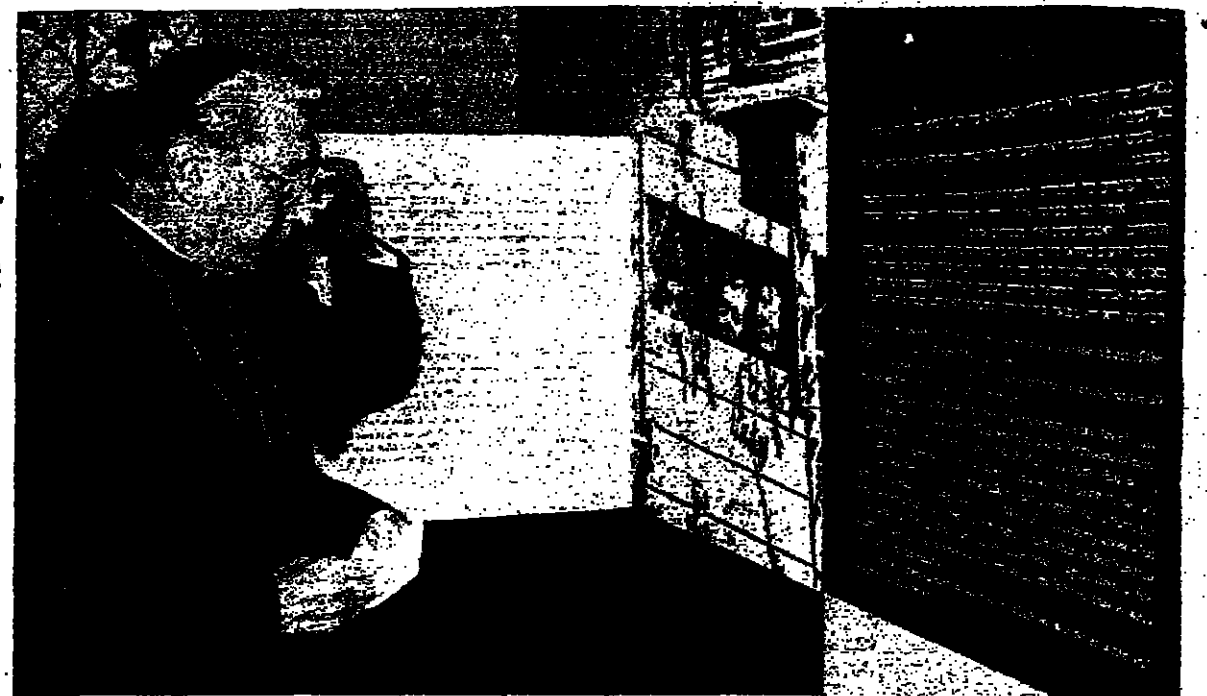
Holocaust is crucible of all suffering

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Cardinal John O'Connor knelt for five minutes of silent prayer at Ohel Yizkor at the end of his hour-and-a-quarter visit to Yad Vashem on Friday morning. Except for one photographer, press and television crews, who have dogged the cardinal throughout his visit, were barred from the memorial hall. According to Yad Vashem officials, the cardinal wiped away tears as he concluded his prayer.

From the moment O'Connor stepped out of his Foreign Ministry limousine and was greeted by the heads of Yad Vashem, he was besieged by the media. The TV crew walked backwards in front of him as he entered the Avenue of the Righteous of the nations, while reporters shoved microphones in his face. Yad Vashem director Yitzhak Arad had to raise his voice to ask the journalists to back off a bit.

In the museum, Arad provided running commentary as the party moved from one exhibit to the next. O'Connor listened and watched tight-lipped, his arms folded in front of his chest, his hands hidden in the sleeves of his soutane. Occasionally he withdrew a hand to finger his pectoral cross.



Cardinal John O'Connor takes notes on Friday at the Yad Vashem exhibit showing excerpts of a speech by SS leader Heinrich Himmler to some of his officers on October 4, 1943. "This is a splendid page in our history," Himmler said, referring to the Final Solution. The cardinal appears to be adjusting his glasses, but in fact the "third hand" belongs to a member of his entourage.

(Brian Hendler)

He seemed to listen with special interest as Arad explained the display of the minutes of the January 1942 Wannsee Conference, at which the destruction of the 11 million Jews of Europe was planned. "Even the Jews of England and of little Portugal were included," Arad said.

Before emerging from the museum, the cardinal signed the visitors' album. But he left no message, signing only his name and the title "Archbishop of New York."

After the brief respite at Ohel Yizkor, when it became clear that a formal press conference would not be held, reporters closed in on the cardinal as he and his entourage stood in the light drizzle.

The questions were numerous and confused, so that O'Connor could only give general and fragmentary answers. He spoke of "the profound mystery of God" in connection with responsibility for the Holocaust. "I will do everything I can to prevent recurrence of the suffering seen during the tragic past," he said. "This is the crucible of all suffering. My life was changed profoundly when I put my hand into a crematorium oven during a visit to Dachau."

The only time a slight edge could be heard in O'Connor's voice was when he answered, "This is totally irrelevant." This came in response to a question about the failure of the Holy See to recognize Israel. "I'm

no high-falutin politician and I only voice the opinions of my Pope," he said.

He added: "It tears me apart to hear repetitions of the misadventures surrounding the interpretation of my visit. I feel strongly about all human dignity and the rights of all - Jews and Arabs - in this region."

O'Connor was referring to his refusal to meet with Israeli leaders in their Jerusalem offices, in keeping with Vatican guidelines.

The cardinal declined to answer a question about the appropriateness of erecting a Carmelite convent on the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

'Suicide must be discussed with teens'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Doctors should ask teenagers whether they ever think of suicide, just as they ask them if they are coughing or have stomach pains, Dr. Alan Apter, deputy director of the Youth Department at Petah Tikva's Geha Psychiatric Hospital, told members of the Association for Adolescent Health here yesterday.

He warned that suicide among young people here may increase in coming years because Israel tends to be a few years behind the U.S. and other western countries. "When I did my psychiatric residency in 1974, anorexia nervosa cases were so infrequent that people would come from miles around to see one. Today, our department is inundated with them. We have to prepare for the same possible upsurge in suicides."

A pediatrician said that if he

started asking youngsters if they had suicidal thoughts, he would lose all his patients.

"That depends on our own attitudes," Apter replied. "There was a time when we didn't dare ask kids about sex. Who would hesitate to ask a kid today if he masturbates? Of course, if you clear your throat and blush before asking the question, you'll have a problem. If you ask naturally, kids will welcome the chance to talk openly."

He warned, however, that suicide prevention programmes are just as likely to put ideas into young people's heads than to keep them out.

The speakers agreed that suicides were more common among boys, while suicide attempts were more frequent among girls. Apter suggested that those who threaten suicide or make unsuccessful attempts are in a different category

from those who commit it or think about it.

"Of course, we're all afraid that if we don't believe someone's suicide attempt is serious and they later really do kill themselves, we will be blamed for not having treated them properly," he said. "But as professionals we have to make decisions. I'm not saying those who make attempts don't need help, or shouldn't be taken seriously, but the approach to them is different. Remember that those who threaten often want something such as parental or school concessions or easier army service. If you become so pressured by the fear of their suicide that you give in to their demands, you will encourage others to go this route."

Esther Cole, a psychologist with the Ontario Board of Education, urged parents, teachers and profes-

sionals to take teenagers' cues seriously. "If they write poems about death or paint pictures of death or destruction, ask them outright what they're trying to tell you. They'll be grateful for the direct question. If you think the young person may be considering suicide, ask him and ask how he intends to do it. Ask why he finds life so intolerable, and find out what he knows about death. And after you've asked all your questions, ask if there's anything else he wants to discuss."

She warned that youngsters who seem to be coming out of a depression may actually be in more danger of suicide than they were before. "A depressed kid can't get his act together to carry out his plans, but a kid who seems to be emerging from depression may have made a final decision to go through with it and now has the energy to do it."

Wizo planning hot-line, shelter with proceeds from fund-raiser

By LEA LEVAVI

A shelter in Jerusalem for disadvantaged girls and a telephone hot line in Tel Aviv for battered wives are among the new projects Wizo intends to undertake in the coming year, with the help of the Israeli public.

On Tuesday (January 6), Wizo's annual fund-raising campaign will be formally opened at the Knesset. The goal is to raise NIS 2 million to support Wizo's varied activities, which span the life cycle from early childhood to old age.

At a press conference held last week at the home of Danny Gillerman, head of the Israel Chamber of Commerce, he explained why he could not say "no" to Wizo when he was asked to chair the campaign.

"In addition to economic recov-

ery, we also have to make our society better, and a good deal of what it takes to do that is being done by Wizo," he said.

In addition to the new projects, money raised in the campaign will be used to decrease the isolation of the aged through home visits or Golden Age clubs; opening more therapeutic child centres (which offer a hot meal, help with homework and supervised after-school activities for children otherwise in danger of roaming the streets); and maintaining Wizo's educational institutions for more than 38,000 children from pre-school through high school.

Work sanctions are currently plaguing the organization's network of day-care centres, whose care-takers are demanding higher wages and shorter working hours.

Jewish council lashes Shi'ite 'execution'

BEIRUT (AP). - The Higher Council of Lebanon's Jewish community yesterday denounced the reported killing of three Jewish hostages held by an underground Shi'ite Moslem extremist group in Beirut.

A statement by the council denied charges by the kidnappers that the three Lebanese Jews were Israeli spies.

It also appealed for international intervention to ensure the safety and release of three other kidnapped Lebanese Jews.

The handwritten statement was delivered to Western news agency offices in Moslem-controlled west Beirut two days after the Moslem Shi'ite "Oppressed on Earth" organization said it had "executed" the three Lebanese Jews.

The Oppressed on Earth group had announced on New Year's day that it killed kidnapped Jewish hos-

tages Youssef Yehuda Benesti, 33, Elie Srouf, 68, and Henri Menn.

In its New Year's statement, the group, which is believed to be loyal to Iran, set three conditions for the delivery of the bodies of the three Jews to Lebanese police, and threatened that if its conditions were not met it would "execute" three other Jewish hostages it is holding.

It identified the three as Isaac Sassoon, 66, the head of Lebanon's shrunken Jewish community, kidnapped on March 31, 1985; Salim Murad Jamous, 56, kidnapped on August 15, 1984 and Yehuda Benesti, 80, the father of Youssef.

The three conditions set were: the cessation of Israeli reprisal raids into predominantly Shi'ite south Lebanon, complete Israeli withdrawal from a border enclave in south Lebanon Israel designates a "security zone," and the release of all south Lebanese prisoners held by Israel.

Aborigines still outside Australia's mainstream

ALICE SPRINGS (AP). - Despite modest social and economic gains in recent years, Australia's Aborigines say they still are exiles in the land they've occupied for 40,000 years.

Aborigines were granted equal rights in 1967 and now own over 12 per cent of Australian land. There are 160,000 Aborigines, or 1 per cent of Australia's population. But they remain disadvantaged and outside the mainstream of society living mostly in isolated, underdeveloped rural areas.

There are no Aborigine doctors or university teachers and fewer than 10 lawyers. A 1981 census found only 2.5 per cent of Aborigines had completed higher education, and Aborigine unemployment ran to some 60 per cent, compared to 8 per cent nationally. Their earnings are half the \$8,000 national family average.

The life expectancy of Aborigines is 52 years, 20 years less than Australians of European descent,

according to the health commission of New South Wales state. Alcoholism is also widespread among them.

In 1986, funding to Aborigine communities totalled \$150 million. In addition, \$216 million was spent on projects started by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

The extensive land holdings by Aborigines has caused a white backlash, particularly in the Northern Territory where the largest concentration of Aborigines live.

Here they account for 24 per cent of the population, but own 37 per cent of the land and have claims pending to another 14 per cent. The sparsely populated Northern Territory covers one-sixth of the continent and is rich in precious metals, minerals, oil and gas.

Deputy Minister Barry Coulter complains that land rights legislation has not worked as planned.

"Once the Aborigines get land they can veto any mining on it for eternity," he said. "This is enshrined in law as their inalienable right. When they want, they demand huge mining royalties."

Despite the reserves, some Aborigines fear their culture is fading rapidly.

When Britain settled Australia as a penal colony 199 years ago, it was estimated that Aborigines spoke some 260 distinct languages with numerous dialects. Most now are close to extinction, anthropologists say.

"Their culture is dying out. It's as simple as that," said Roy Frick, who travels countrywide buying Aboriginal artifacts for his store in Alice Springs. "Some say that even the traditional Aboriginal killing weapon, the boomerang, will soon be a collector's item."

Anthropologists say Australia's Aborigines have the longest continuous culture in the world, dating back at least 40,000 years.



State of Israel
Ministry of Industry and Trade

Maximum prices for
Olives, Laundry/Cleaning Materials, Toiletries,
Disposable Diapers, and Soft Drinks

Effective January 4, 1987

OLIVES

Product	Weight (g.)	Packaging	Retail price, NIS, incl. VAT	Retail price, NIS, in Eilat
Large, green, manzanilla olives, Beit Hashita	600	can	1.87	1.57

CLEANING MATERIALS

Product	Manufacturer	Product	Retail Price NIS, incl. VAT	Retail Price NIS, in Eilat
Laundry powder	Witco	Tip, 1.5 kg., box	4.45	3.76
Laundry powder	Witco	Biomat, 3 kg., bag	12.13	10.24
Laundry powder	Witco	Tip, 3 kg., bag	8.90	7.53
Laundry powder	Witco	Tip, 5 kg., bag	13.55	11.45
Laundry powder	Witco	Tip 10 kg., bag	25.79	21.79
Laundry powder	Witco	Shampooomat, 3 kg., pack	13.64	11.52
Laundry powder	Witco	Biomat, 3 kg., pack	13.43	11.35
Laundry powder	Witco	Biomat, 5 kg., bag	19.78	16.72
Laundry powder	Witco	Tinokleen, 3 kg., bag	12.25	10.37
Laundry powder	Witco	Tinokleen, 3 kg., pack	13.43	11.37
Laundry powder	Witco	Kleen Shampoo, 1 kg., bag	2.20	1.86
Laundry powder	Shemen	Or, 750 g., box	2.16	1.82
Laundry powder	Shemen	Bio-Or, 750 g., box	2.51	2.13
Laundry powder	Neca	Ziv-Neca, 5 kg., bag	9.61	8.13
Laundry powder	Izhar	1.5 kg., Shalgit	4.86	4.12
Laundry powder	Izhar	3 kg., Shalgit	9.37	7.92
Washing-up paste	Witco	Kleen, 1 kg., cup	2.48	2.10
Washing-up paste	Witco	Kleen, 2 kg., cup	4.21	3.56
Washing-up paste	Shemen	Amal Lemon, 1 kg., cup	2.56	2.17
Washing-up paste	Shemen	Amal Lemon, 3.5 litre, bucket	8.38	7.08
Washing-up paste	Etz Hazaith	Hop, 1/2 kg.	1.36	1.14
Washing-up paste	Pazchem	Kalpac, 1 kg., cup	2.28	1.93
Washing-up liquid	Witco	Ran 36, 1 litre	3.10	2.63
Washing-up liquid	Neca	P7, 1 litre	4.41	3.73
Washing-up liquid	Etz Hazaith	Limoni, 1 litre	3.32	2.81
Washing-up liquid	Pazchem	Shampoo Keilim 36%	3.84	3.25
Floor-washing liquid	Shemen	Ritzpele, 1 litre	1.77	1.51
Floor-washing liquid	Pazchem	Ritzpaz, 1 litre	1.59	1.35

TOILETRIES

Commodity	Manufacturer	Packaging	Retail price, NIS, incl. VAT	Retail price, NIS, in Eilat
Soap	Shemen	Hawaii, 100 g.	0.88	0.74
Soap	Shemen	Adin, 100 g.	0.61	0.52
Soap	Etz Hazaith	Capri, 140 g.	0.70	0.60
Soap	Izhar	Mem Olive, 100 g.	0.61	0.52
Soap	Izhar	Mem Olive, 5x100	3.06	2.60
Soap	Neca	Neca 7	0.88	0.74
Toothpaste	Shemen	Fluoride, 70 g.	0.98	0.85
Toothpaste	Etz Hazaith	Zebra, 70 g.	0.98	0.82
Toothpaste	Izhar	Solidox, large	1.12	0.95
Toothpaste	Izhar	Solidox, giant	1.84	1.56
Shaving foam	Shemen	Hawaii, can	5.14	4.34
Shaving foam	Izhar	Mem Shaving 2	3.68	3.11
Shaving foam	Izhar	Mem, regular shaving	5.11	4.32
Shaving cream	Izhar	Mem Shaving	1.57	1.34
Shaving cream	Izhar	Mem, giant	2.38	2.01

DISPOSABLE DIAPERS

Product	Contents	Container	Retail price NIS, incl. VAT	Retail price NIS, in Eilat
Diapers	Hogla	Disposable, with elastic, all sizes, Titulim	11.50	10.00
Diapers	Amir Paper Products	Disposable, with elastic, all sizes, Tefnokim	11.50	10.00

SOFT DRINKS

Product	Contents	Container	Retail price NIS, incl. VAT	Retail price NIS, in Eilat
Coca-Cola, Kinley and Sprite, Central Bottling Co. Ltd.	1.5 litre	Bottle	1.41	1.21
Tempo, Cancal Schweppes, Jaf-ora Ltd.	2 litres	Bottle	1.73	1.47
Cristal, Tabori Ltd.	2 litres	Bottle	1.83	1.55
Light citrus drink, Cristal light citrus drink, Tabori Ltd.	65 cl	Bottle	1.72	1.46
Light citrus drink, Jaf-ora Ltd.	1 litre	Bottle	0.37	0.39
Light citrus drink, Jaf-ora Ltd.	1 litre	Bottle	0.86	0.73
Light citrus drink, Jaf-ora Ltd.	1 litre	Bottle	0.69	0.53

State of Israel
Ministry of Industry and Trade
Goods and Services Price Stabilization (Ad Hoc) Law 1985
Permission to Raise Prices

Under powers granted us by Section 7 (A) 2 of the Goods and Services Price Stabilization (Ad Hoc) Law 1985 [1], we announce that it is permitted to increase the prices of pickled olives, classified under number 20.01.1000 in the first addendum to the Customs Tariff and Exemptions, and Purchase Tax on Goods Order, 1985 [2], by not more than 23% above the determining price. This permit will not apply to olives for which a maximum retail price has been fixed. This permit is effective from January 4, 1987.

Ariel Sharon
Minister of Industry and Trade

Moshe Nissim
Minister of Finance

State of Israel
Ministry of Industry and Trade
Goods and Services Price Stabilization (Ad Hoc) Law 1985
Permission to Raise Prices

Under powers granted us by Section 7 (A) 2 of the Goods and Services Price Stabilization (Ad Hoc) Law 1985 [1], we announce that it is permitted to increase the prices of non-alcoholic drinks, including soda, classified under number 22.01 in the first addendum to the Customs Tariff and Exemptions, and Purchase Tax on Goods Order, 1985 [2], by not more than 4% above the determining price. This permit will not apply to soft drinks for which a maximum retail price has been fixed. This permit is effective from January 4, 1987.

Ariel Sharon
Minister of Industry and Trade

Moshe Nissim
Minister of Finance

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rabbinical courts), and agreed to meet with battered wives and serve on a board of rabbis to work on solutions to their problems. He told his audience that all marriages he performs in future will include a prenuptial agreement based on responsibility by the late Ashkenazi rabbi of Jerusalem, Bezalel Zolti.

Away from the challenges and fireworks of the plenary session, in the quieter atmosphere of dozens of study sessions and workshops, it was possible to discern some progress being made in finding solutions to problems of women's status in religious law.

appraised the New York ger law. Debbie Weissman of Hebrew University examined the question of women and elections; and Kay Weinberger reported on the work of the Mitzvah organization in Israel, which offers mediation in place of litigation for divorcing couples.

cils to press for rulings on the burn-

Media reports say Socialist women deputies and senators have been pressing for the more liberal legislation being drawn up in the Justice Ministry. The press also says the Ministry of Health has been

The announcement of the new decree was overshadowed by the raids and arrests. Madrid courts were jammed for nearly three weeks with groups of women summoned to

The women were not arrested in the raids – their names were pulled

has called for sit-ins at various Madrid courthouses to protest what the

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7:30, 9:40; Tchelet: The Gods Must Be
Good 7:30, 9:40; Tishrei: The God of the

6:30: **Zafon:** *The Mission 4:*
9:30.

4:30; 7, 9, 15; **Armon:** Raw Daal 4:30; 6:45, 9; **Acsim:** 1: Back to School 4:30; 2: A Kiss and a Goodnight 4:30; 3: A Kiss and a Goodnight 4:45; 7, 15; 9:30; **Chen:** The Gods Must Be Crazy 4:30; 6:45, 9; **Keren or Hamehude:** Ginger & Fred 4, 6:30, 9; **Orel:** The Mission 4, 6:30, 9; **Order:** The Burners 4:30; **Ran:** 6:45, 9; **Peers:** Ruthless People 4:30, 7, 15; **Rav-Gat 1:** El Amor Brujo 9:15; **All My Loving:** 4:30, 7; **Rav-Gat 2:** A Man and a Woman 20 Years Later 7:15; **Blackboard Ghost:** 4:30; **Ron:** Legal Eagles 6:45, 9; **Rumpelstiltskin:** 4:30; **Shavit:** Hannah and Her Sisters 7, 9.

RAMAT GAN

Armon: Raw Daal 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Lily:** Hannah and Her Sisters 7, 9, 9:30; **Orel:** The Mission 7, 9:30; **Ordea:** Murphy's Law 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan:** 1: Ruthless People 5, 7:35, 9:45; **Rav-Gan 2:** A Man and a Woman 20 Years Later 7:15, 9; **Blackboard Ghost:** 5; **Rav-Gan 3:** Blue Velvet 7:15; **Bibi:** 10:30 a.m., 12:30; **Rav Gan 4:** Joshua Then and Now 7:20, 9:45; **The Stone** 10:30 a.m., 12:30.

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Dan Acsadi: The Color Purple 6:30, 9:30; **Daniel:** Hotel A Room With a View 7:15; **Ext. Wd. David:** Mona Lisa 7:15; 9:30; **Care Bears:** 4:30; **Michael:** Legal Eagles 7:15, 9:30; **Rumpelstiltskin:** 4:30; **New Tiferet:** Rochel's 7:15, 9:15.

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Armon Hamehude: Big Trouble in Little China 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Martine**

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A role in economic reform

Self-employed want a say

By KEN SCHACHTER
For the Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — In what might be described as a revolt of the bourgeoisie, a fourth faction is trying to elbow its way into the triad of government, workers and industrialists that traditionally have steered Israel's economy.

What's more, this new confederation — whose members range from barbers to lawyers — are threatening to scuttle the government's anti-inflation programme if they are not consulted on the economic reforms proposed by Finance Minister Moshe Nissim.

"The self-employed have been ignored for too long," says Eliad Bukspan, the president of the Association of Organizations of the Self-Employed, the umbrella group spearheading the effort for recognition.

The association brings together groups representing such diverse constituencies as private kindergarten teachers and garage owners in the name of gaining a voice in economic matters.

"All these groups have no say and aren't partners in any of the discussions considering economic plans," Bukspan says. "The main thing we're fighting for now is to be recognized and take part in discussions, especially about income tax reforms."

Bukspan's group makes its case based on the economic impact of the roughly 200,000 self-employed in Israel, of which 30,000 are members. While corporations account for 27 per cent of all income tax revenue in Israel, and employees bear 36 per cent of the burden, the self-employed account for 37 per cent.

"Paying such a big part of the income tax and not being able to say anything is wrong," Bukspan says.

The group's slogan, not surprisingly, is lifted from another nation where economic clashes led to a revolution. The motto? "No taxa-

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tion without representation."

Bukspan recognizes the problems in goading such a desperate, middle class membership into action.

"The question is, 'Are the self-employed willing to close their businesses and go out into the street?'" he says. "I don't think that's the way to fight it. I think the right way is to do a lot of lobbying. Common sense will win."

Arrayed against the three-year-old upstart group are two of the three economic powerhouses — the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association.

"Yitzhak Shamir should put all his power to bear as Prime Minister so that neither the Histadrut nor the Manufacturers Association will stop him from calling us in for negotiations," Bukspan said.

The Histadrut portrays Bukspan's effort as a squabble in the business community.

"It's not us who are against them," says Histadrut spokesman Shmuel Soler. "We have to deal with one organization, not two. If they become the representative [of the business community], that's okay."

To which Bukspan replies: "Nobody wants another partner."

Also irksome to Bukspan is what he sees as an effort to portray the membership as rich and in no need of economic relief.

"Although the self-employed in Israel have this image of being rich, actually those 200,000 are not all rich lawyers. Most of them are barbers, shoemakers and taxi drivers," he says. "So whoever is trying to give us

the image of being high income is wrong and is trying to benefit from low propaganda."

The group's programme calls for sharper tax cuts than those called for in the Nissim plan and an end to what the association sees as economic "discrimination" against the self-employed.

Specifically, their aim is to reduce income taxes so that those making NIS 1,500 per month would be taxed 25 per cent and the tax would go up in stages to 45 per cent on earnings of NIS 5,000 per month. The Nissim plan calls for a 45 per cent tax starting at the NIS 2,000 level.

The group also has submitted statistics to the Finance Ministry showing that the self-employed have to earn 50-60 per cent more to have the same net income as a company employee.

For example, a self-employed person with an income of NIS 2,000 would net NIS 1,213, while a company employee would get NIS 1,702. The difference is ascribed to various social programmes to which employers are required to pay, such as National Insurance.

"It's very important to end this discrimination between the self-employed and the employee," Bukspan says.

Bukspan acknowledges that his organization may face difficulties recruiting many of its 200,000 potential members, particularly the widely dispersed showmen, but stresses that the group has made great strides in three years.

A civil engineer and chairman of Maccabi Tel Aviv, Bukspan says one of the most potent weapons his group possesses is its leverage in any anti-inflation programme.

The group's message is simple: Invite us to the party, or there may not be a party.

"Everybody wants to keep the prices low," Bukspan says. "You need us if you want to keep inflation down."

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY/Stephen Jukes

Saudis take new take in '87 budget

Saudi Arabia appears to have altered its economic course, abandoning an attempt to balance its budget and accepting the need for deficit spending to boost the economy.

The country's long-delayed 1987 budget, announced last week, targets far higher spending than expected in what looks to be a major concession to the business community.

Markets may take a sceptical view of high deficit spending, perhaps putting the rial, the Saudi currency, under pressure, but an injection of funds into the economy is sorely needed, they say.

The budget foresees total expenditure of \$170 billion riyals and revenue of \$117.28b. riyals, leaving a deficit of \$52.7b. riyals to be covered out of reserves.

Economists said that although spending is down 6 per cent on the previous fiscal year, they had expected it to be cut to the 120b.-to-140b. riyal range, balancing the budget or leaving only a small shortfall.

All the signs had pointed to a continued tight fiscal policy, they say: King Fahd had addressed the nation last Monday, warning of cutbacks and seemingly moving to head off public criticism by saying basic subsidies would not be cut. But economists say it is clear the kingdom's planners have now decided deficit spending is the only way to lift Saudi Arabia's industry out of the doldrums.

"Without this spending, the impact on the economy could have been very serious indeed," says one. "A new release of funds could have a multiplier effect throughout the economy and boost the private sector."

Saudi Arabia's budget planning was upset early in 1986 as world oil prices tumbled. Its 1985/86 fiscal year, ended March 10, but the new

budget was postponed twice and eventually the fiscal year brought into line with the Gregorian calendar.

The nine-month hiatus was crippling for the Saudi private sector. Government departments, without firm spending budgets, often delayed payments to contractors. Banks saw the number of bad loans rise sharply and third-quarter 1986 bank results just released show earnings still declining.

The relatively free-spending 1987 budget should result in speeded-up payments to contractors and gradually take pressure off the business and banking sectors, economists say.

They say Saudi Arabia has succeeded in cutting back capital spending sharply, targeting only 50b. riyals worth for 1987, compared with 1985/86's projected 111.7b. riyals.

That budget was about 10 per cent underspent, but the fall is still large, the economists say.

The kingdom's planners appear to have taken a conscious decision to raise recurrent expenditure, which is set to rise to 120b. riyals from a planned \$8.3b. riyal, in 1985/86, economists say, adding there are high hopes these funds will be channelled into the private sector.

Details of the outcome of 1985/86's budget are sparse, but economists calculate that what should have been balanced could have ended up with a deficit of about 70b. riyals — the largest in Saudi Arabia's history as an oil producer.

That deficit is largely due to falling oil prices, but a new policy of conscious deficit spending could spark speculation Saudi Arabia will seek to borrow internationally, economists say.

Since fiscal 1981/82, the last year to record a budget surplus, the cumulative budget deficit could have exceeded 150b. riyals.



Africa-Israel's Shlomo Grofman

EXECUTIVE CHANGES
Michal Yudelman

Grofman gets top spot at Africa-Israel

SHLOMO GROFMAN has been appointed board chairman of Africa Israel Investments Ltd. and will also head Bank Leumi's new financial services and investments division as of this month. The latter division was established as part of the banking group's decision to separate its banking activities from its financial services and non-banking investment companies.

Motorola South Israel Ltd., a subsidiary of Motorola Israel, has a new general manager, ZVI AHARONSON. Motorola South will produce communication devices and control systems, with an expected \$15 million turnover this year.

YITZHAK BRENNER has been named executive director of the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds. UZI DAVIDSON has been appointed general manager of Regis Ltd. of the Discount Investment Group.

MURRAY LENDER, who heads E.M. Exporting, which markets Israeli products to the U.S., is the 1986 winner of the National Food Brokers Association Watson Rogers Award for Outstanding Service in the Food Industry. Lender, the former chairman of the board of Lender's Bagel Bakery, that sells under the Bagel King name, is active in the Operation Independence Task Force.

DR. SHMUEL PERLMUTTER has been reappointed as chairman of Israel's Dental Union at its national conference last week.

WELFARE — West Germany, France and Italy lead the industrialized nations in spending on social programmes, according to a study by the International Monetary Fund. The U.S., Britain, Canada and Japan trail.

In 1980, France and West Germany spent 31 per cent of their national income for social purposes, while Italy's rate was over 25 per cent and Britain's almost 23 per cent. The U.S. rate was less than 18 per cent and Japan's less than 16 per cent.

Opec's bid to regain control of prices begins

LONDON (Reuters). — A new agreement by Opec oil exporters to cut output and restore a fixed price for the barrel took formal effect last Thursday, signalling an attempt to return to cartel-style tactics to control the oil market and buoy prices.

Most market experts agree that the pact, to reduce production by about one million barrels daily, will in the short term push prices up near Opec's declared goal of \$18 dollars a barrel — about 20 per cent above the average in recent months.

Last Wednesday, just as the new accord was to go into effect, the price of the London benchmark crude, North Sea Brent, and its New York counterpart, West Texas Intermediate, both changed hands at \$18 a barrel for the first time since February.

But market experts add that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would need exceptional output and price discipline to keep prices up at that level.

"Opec must prove to the oil industry that it has learned its lesson and can sustain prices," said Steven Turner of British Brokers Wood, Mackenzie and Co.

The cartel's new agreement, concluded in Geneva last month, provides for a return between now and February 1 to fixed Opec-assigned prices, abandoned in 1985 when an oil glut overwhelmed the cartel. It also reverses Opec's move last year to recapture its share of the glut-laden market by flooding it with oil, regardless of how low prices went.

Industry experts say Opec still has the potential to decide, once again, how much buyers should pay for its oil. They note that interim output curbs by the cartel, in operation since September, have about doubled free market prices since the summer crash, which brought them as low as \$9 a barrel.

If Opec sticks to its agreement to cut output to 15.8 million barrels daily in the first half of 1987, it could tighten the market enough to make prices swing between \$16 and \$20 over the next three months, analysts say.

Both want peace, but U.S. EC trade war looms

The U.S. and the European community are bracing for an escalating trade war over a dispute about U.S. grain feed imports to Spain.

President Reagan fired the first salvo on Tuesday, announcing a 200 per cent duty on European grain, bran, white wine, cheeses, canned ham, endives, carrots and olives. Duties on most of the products now are about 15 to 20 per cent.

The 12-nation EC quickly responded by saying it would retaliate with punitive import duties against American corn gluten feed, rice and wheat.

U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yentzer said further negotiations might take place and might head off the U.S. measures, scheduled to take effect by January 31, but he described prospects as dim. He also conceded the new U.S. levies could precipitate stepped-up trade war.

Willy de Clerc, external trade commissioner in the EC's executive body, said in a statement last week that "the community is ready to respond on the day the American measures come into force." But he added there "remains a month to avoid the worst and find through negotiation a politically defensible and economically bearable solution."

French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Noir describes Washington's decision as the "Rambo method."

The U.S. and the EC had negotiated unsuccessfully over compensa-

tion for high tariffs imposed by the EC on U.S. grain feed imports to Spain, formerly a lucrative market for American corn and sorghum.

The EC imposed higher barriers when Spain and Portugal joined the community. The Portuguese barriers have been settled separately so that U.S. farmers are no longer losing their markets in that country.

Yentzer estimated the EC's latest compensation offer at about 30 cents on the dollar.

He said the retaliation against the Spanish trade barriers were chosen to hurt as many as possible of the original 10 EC countries, which the United States holds responsible for the barriers. Much of the cheese, for instance, comes from Denmark and the Netherlands.

Despite the strong words, both sides clearly wish the issue to be settled. Officials in Brussels said there would be stepped up efforts this month, with a meeting of senior officials in either Brussels or Washington in the middle of the month.

But these same officials cautioned that there was no clear solution in sight. "It will not be easy. The positions of the two sides are very far apart," said one EC official.

The EC recognizes the adverse impact of Spain's EC membership on U.S. grain farmers. But it argues that the U.S. should view the issue globally, taking into consideration the advantages it will reap from Spanish entry through lower tariffs for industrial exports. (AP, AFP)



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- 1 Not required to show forbearance (5)
- 4 Said and done in the form of a complaint (8)
- 10 Fashionable kind of light glossy silk (7)
- 11 Plight of Wimbledon struggler put in writing? (3,4)
- 12 Said to draw attention to a border (4)
- 13 All agreed to make amends? (5)
- 14 A bloomer that is purely symbolic (4)
- 17 Doubly facile philosophy of the spendthrift who has come into a fortune (4,4,4,2)
- 19 Put one's sorrow into words (7,7)
- 22 A goblin being taught to make painful progress? (4)
- 23 Sacks brought round to sit on, maybe (5)
- 24 When corruption is about I show no respect for authority (4)
- 27 Sub-continental citizen of Belgian extraction (7)
- 28 Humble science graduate cutting round a Yorkshire river (7)
- 29 Clarion call for retreat (4,4)
- 30 Pilgrim who told a racy yarn about an errant wife (5)

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- 1 Tidal flow that can ruin a sweater (3-5)
- 2 Stops sleeping (7)
- 3 Part of the borough of York (4)
- 5 What made the union go to pieces? (14)
- 6 Things cracked up to cause bewilderment? (4)
- 7 I call round on pressing business (7)
- 8 A Scot on the line from Bedford to Cambridge (5)
- 9 The last things toddlers want to be told by their nannies (7,7)
- 15 Net result of the game (5)
- 16 A custom that makes us mature (5)
- 18 It was reviewed before, in a manner of speaking (2,2,4)
- 20 Inquisitorial Spaniard seen to mix freely (7)
- 21 A gourmet taking mince pie with a French parish priest (7)
- 22 Nominally it goes on record (5)
- 25 Was page saying what stung him? (4)
- 26 One who makes sure he doesn't waste a thing (4)

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MATCH OF THE DAY: Betar J'm 4, Hapoel P.T. 1

Betar mark Hanukka in style

By MIKE SCHWARTZ
TEL AVIV. — Betar Jerusalem have ignited the Menorah embodied in their club's emblem by scoring another four goals, thus warming the spirits of their passionate supporters who braved the cold, wintry conditions to watch their team's fine 4-1 victory over Hapoel Petah Tikva.

Contrary to what the score-line suggests, Betar never received any Hanukkah presents from the young Petah Tikva side.

In fact, during the first half, Gabi Lasri, the international defender, playing in the midfield, succeeded in blocking out Uri Malmilian. When the maestro opened the scoring in the 30th minute with a close range shot from an Eli Ohana pass, the goal came against the run of play. Until that moment, Petah Tikva had held the upper hand in the game with their tall forwards, Manny Basson and Nir Levin, tormenting Yossi Mizrahi in the air. The veteran keeper was at fault when he failed to punch out a 36th minute corner, and Lasri, lurking on the edge of the penalty area, was able to slot home a 20 metre shot to level the scores.

Only in the second half, did Betar recapture the form which has taken them to the top of the log. This was due mainly to the introduction of Gary Vandermolen into the attack, in place of an out-of-touch Yaacov Buzaglo. While the young English immigrant warmed up on the touch-line in the 50 minute, Shlomo "Turbo" Shirazi sent a flat cross into the penalty area. Eli Ohana succeeded in twisting himself into the path of the ball and his outstretched neck guided it into the goal.

Vandermolen combined intelligently with Ohana and Betar began to move with more fluidity on the pitch. In the 70th minute, Vander-



GOAL! — Uri Malmilian raises his arms in his habitual signal of triumph to Betar fans, while Petah Tikva Hapoel goalkeeper Djerbi grovels in the mud and defender Gabi Lasri despairs.

(Guthmann)

molen broke through on the left, passed the ball out to Avi Cohen, the attacking defender, and Cohen's cross was handled by a Petah Tikva defender in the penalty area. Malmilian's grateful acceptance of the invitation to increase his number of goals this season to 12. Ohana has a

mere 11.

Malmilian also had a hand in the final goal, scored in the 85th minute, when he floated a free kick into the Petah Tikva area. collected the rebounded clearance and cut a pass across the goal to Sammy Malca.

Malca made no mistake with his shot. At his current rate of scoring he should join his team-mates Malmilian and Ohana among the most prolific scorers in the league.

Full credit must go to Petah Tikva for their vigorous attacks, in the first half, which caught the leaders completely by surprise.

SOCCER REVIEW

Betar first, the rest nowhere

By PAUL KOHN
TEL AVIV. — The start of 1987 has one football team head and shoulders above the rest of the pack — Betar Jerusalem.

Betar start the new year with a nine point lead of the National League, and brave is the pundit who dares to forecast that the league championship will not be Betar Jerusalem's at the end of the season for the first time in the club's history. Not only are Betar losing sight of the rest of the first division behind them, but they are doing so in style. Yesterday they beat Hapoel Petah Tikva 4-1 (see match report) which brings their goal tally to 35 goals.

Besides having deadly marksmen in Malmilian and Ohana, Betar this season have developed especially the talents of midfielders and defenders Yaacov Schwartz, Sami Malca and Avi Cohen. They also have excellent players in Shlomo Shirazi and Avi Golder, and strength in depth with five reserve players like Gary Vandermolen, Ofir Shmueli and Moshe Ben Arush.

The wet weather put a damper on the rest of the weekend soccer. The two Friday matches, Betar Tel Aviv versus Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Lod versus Hapoel Kfar Sava were called off because of waterlogged pitches. Those decisions will hardly endear the referees to hundreds of thousands of sportsman football pool players for whom the postponements mean X results on their coupons.

Three of the games yesterday ended in 0-0 draws, the most disappointing of these being before 3,000 fans in Haifa, where Maccabi Petah Tikva held the home Maccabi

National League										
Mac Yavne 6, Be'er Yehuda 0	Mac Haifa 6, Mac PT 0	Betar J'm 4, Hap PT 1	Shimon 1, Mac Netanya 2	Mac Netanya 0, Hap TA 3	Mac Haifa 6, Hap Be'er Yehuda 0	Betar TA 4, Mac TA 1	Hap Lod 0, Hap Kfar Sava 0	Kfar Sava postponed		
SECOND DIVISION										
Betar Netanya 3, Hap Dimona 1	Yehud 1, Hap Marmorek 0	Beit Shean 2, Betar Ramat 1	Hap. K. Gan 0, Hap. K. Haifa 0	Hap. Hadera 2, B. Amudim 1	Shimon 1, Hap. Haifa 1	Hap. Tiberias 1, Hap. Acre 1	Hap. Holon 1, Hap. Jerusalem postponed			
(after 14 games)										
	W	D	L	Goals	Points		W	D	L	Goals
1. Betar Netanya	10	3	1	35-16	33	1. Hap. Haifa	7	5	2	20-9
2. Be'er Yehuda	5	9	0	18-11	24	2. Hap. Hadera	7	4	3	23-15
3. Hap. K. Gan (13)	5	4	5	20-24	22	3. Hap. Haifa	7	4	3	16-15
4. Mac. Haifa	4	4	6	13-10	22	4. Hap. J'm (13)	7	1	5	17-15
5. Hap. PT	6	3	5	19-24	21	5. Hap. Acre	5	5	4	13-15
6. Shimon	4	5	5	14-20	17	6. Shimon	5	5	4	13-16
7. Hap. Lod (13)	2	4	8	12-17	10	7. Hap. Holon (13)	5	5	4	13-15
8. Hap. TA	4	7	3	13-11	19	8. K. Amudim	4	6	6	12-14
9. Mac. TA (13)	4	5	5	11-11	17	9. Hap. Tiberias	5	4	5	20-19
10. Mac. PT	4	5	5	12-12	17	10. Hap. B. Shean	4	6	4	14-17
11. Mac. Netanya	4	5	5	14-20	16	11. Betar Ramat	4	5	5	13-15
12. Betar TA (13)	3	6	5	13-18	15	12. Hap. K. Gan	4	5	5	13-17
13. Hap. Be'er Yehuda	3	6	5	8-11	15	13. Hap. Haifa	4	5	5	9-16
14. Mac. Yavne	2	6	6	22-26	15	14. Betar Netanya	3	6	6	10-12
15. Mac. Haifa	2	6	6	10-23	10	15. Marmorek	3	6	6	13-21
16. Betar Netanya	2	1	11	7-35	7	16. Hap. Dimona	1	5	7	9-17

team. Daniel Brailovsky and Baruch Maman created a wealth of openings and scoring chances, but there was no Haifa striker around to tuck the ball into the back of the net. The injured Zahi Ameli sat forlornly on the bench next to Ronnie Rosenthal, now of Bruges FC. How coach Shlomo Sherf and the fans wanted these two on the field!

Yigal Menachem's two goals for Maccabi Netanya gave that team their first win in ten games, when they beat Shimon 2-1 in the early game at the Bloomfield Stadium. This was the third Saturday in succession that Menachem has scored goals, six goals in all.

The Netanyahu central striker added to his tally from the penalty spot in the 58th minute after Nissim Barda handled. The Shimon players and bench protested, claiming that a Netanyahu player had handled the ball first, but referee Yehoshua Loya stood firm by his decision in favour of the visiting team. Menachem's second goal in the 83rd minute was a gem. Shalom Tikva, who returned to the team after many weeks, laid on a perfect pass through several Shimon defenders, enabling the striker to score an easy goal.

As if to compensate Shimon for his earlier decision, Loya awarded the Tel Aviv team a penalty in the

last minute, after Haim Bar got his hand to the ball. Efraim Arviv made no mistake with the spot kick.

Another player who scored two goals was Moshe Sinai, in Hapoel Tel Aviv's 3-0 win over bottom-of-the-league Betar Netanya. The result flattered last season's champions, who faced almost a youth team. It took them all of 55 minutes to go into the lead when they were awarded a penalty, from which Sinai scored his first goal. Still the unlucky Netanyahu team fought hard to keep out their mighty visitors, but in the last three minutes, they conceded two more goals, to Sinai and Shabtai Levi.

The second division game between Hapoel Holon and Hapoel Jerusalem was stopped after ten minutes, with the score at 0-0, and will be replayed in midweek, together with Friday's postponed National League matches.

YOUTH SOCCER

By PAUL KOHN
TEL AVIV. — Denmark won the international youth soccer tourney up to the Age of 19, on Friday beating Belgium 1-0 in the final at the Ramat Gan stadium. Brian Laudrup, the brother of Danish super-striker Michael, scored the winning goal in the 63rd minute.

The Danish youngsters fully deserved to win the tourney, having a clear edge with their "total football" over the other seven teams. Israel ended in 4th place after losing 2-1 to Romania, who came third. Israel's tally was an own goal by a Romanian defender. The Romanians were on top throughout the second half, and, as in previous games, the Israeli youth teams showed lapses in defence.

TENNIS

Masur vanquishes Amos

ADELAIDE (AP). — Australian Davis Cup squad member Wally Masur upset second-seeded Amos Mansdorf of Israel 6-2, 6-4 on Friday in a quarter-final match in the South Australian Open tennis championship.

American Bill Scanlon edged into the other semifinal with a 7-6, 7-5 win over Canadian Glenn Michibata.

In the doubles, Australians Peter Doohan and Laurie Warder moved yesterday into the final against world number one Ivan Lendl and Scanlon.

In a tight semi-final match against Americans Kelly Jones and Brad Pearce, postponed from Friday because of rain, Doohan and Warder withstood chilly conditions and three tiebreakers to sneak through to the final with a 6-7, 7-6, 6-0 victory.

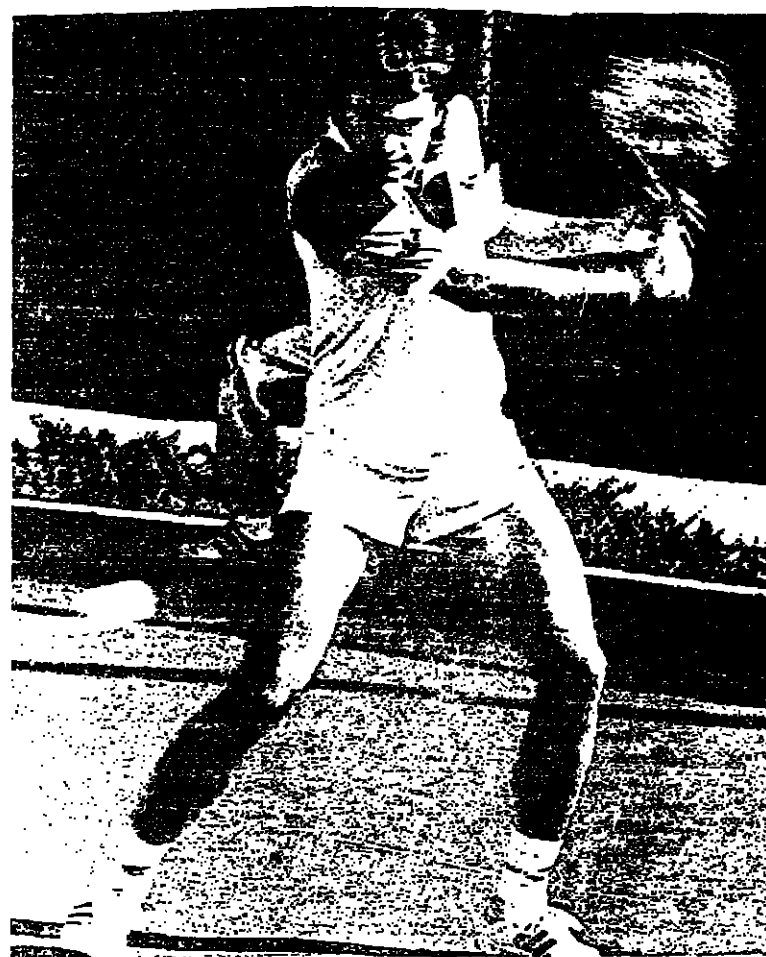
Lendl and Scanlon secured their place in the final on Friday night after defeating Americans Ken Flach and Matt Anger in straight sets.

In first-round doubles play, Mansdorf and his Australian partner Steve Denton were defeated by home competitors Laurie Warder and Peter Doohan.

Gilad Bloom and his Argentinean partner also went out in the first round, going down 7-6, 7-5 to John Fitzgerald and fellow-Australian Mark Kratzman.

Bloom is now in Auckland for the \$97,000 National Grand Prix there, making him the first Israeli ever to play pro-tennis in New Zealand.

In Brisbane, top-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia defeated compatriot Helena Sukova in three sets yesterday to advance to the final of the Jason Classic.



REVENGE. — Wally Masur, photographed in Jerusalem last spring when Amos Mansdorf beat him, took his revenge back home Down Under.

(Shorer)

Women's tennis tournament at Brisbane's Milton Courts.

Mandlikova downed third-seeded Sukova 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 to set up a final meeting Sunday with American Pam Shriver, the second seed, who

trounced fellow-American Betsy Nagelsen 6-1, 6-3 in the other semi-final.

In Port Washington, Markus Zillner of West Germany, the no. 6 seed, rallied to upset no. 1 seed Ravi Weidenfeld of Israel 1-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in the quarter finals.

But in the boys' 14 division quarter-finals, no. 7 Nir Dwekel of Israel downed no. 1 Michael Bayh of West Germany 7-5, 7-5. No. 4 seed Lisa Raymond of the United States ousted Yael Segal of Israel, the no. 6 seed, 6-4, 6-2 in the girls' 14 division.

Davis Cup squad trains for Czechs

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israel's Davis Cup tennis team will complete their preparations for the March 13-15 first-round tie against mighty Czechoslovakia with a week's intensive training on Supreme Indoor Courts at a tennis club near Bonn. This is the same type of surface as that on which Israel upset hosts Switzerland last October, to secure promotion to the cup's 16-nation World Group premier division for the first time.

Prior to the tie against the Swiss, the Israelis also worked out at the Bonn club, and afterwards they stressed how much they had benefited from the acclimatization training there.

The training schedule at the club will include a Davis Cup-style match against a West German national league tennis team, Israel Tennis Association general-secretary Zvi Meyer reported last week on his return from Bonn.

Three members of Israel's Davis Cup squad, Shlomo Glickstein, Shabtai Levi and Amir Naor, have meanwhile begun preparation here for the tie against Czechoslovakia, working out daily at Ramat Hasharon with national coach Shlomo Zoref and trainer Pini Shimon. The trio will be joined by Amos Mansdorf and Gilad Bloom on their return from Australia, as well as Ravi Weidenfeld after he completes his current American tour.

Both Glickstein and Perks decided not to play in Australia, Shlomo because he is only now recovering from a worrisome groin injury and Shabtai because he is at present taking baggy examinations. Perks' blossoming career has gone steadily downhill since he learned 18 months ago that he was suffering from a very minor heart abnormality. The gangling Haifaite has said several times recently that he is seriously considering starting university studies this autumn, thus bringing his pro tennis career to an end.

CRICKET

England, Pakistan win cliffhangers

PERTH. — England beat the West Indies by 19 runs in the Four Nation Benson and Hedges challenge tournament at the Waca ground here yesterday.

Chasing England's 228 for nine, the West Indies were dismissed for 209 with 10 balls of the allotted 50 overs remaining.

Needing to score at a rate of 4.58 runs an over, the West Indies were never really on target, and their hopes virtually collapsed when captain Viv Richards was ousted for 45 to make the side 104 for four in the 28th over.

England 228 for 9, West Indies 209, England won by 19 runs.

The upset result ensures that England and Pakistan, who also beat the West Indies, will meet in the final of the contest here next Wednesday.

Previously, an awesome display of batting brutality by Ian Botham pitted England to a huge total of 272 for 6 from 49 overs in the second

Benson and Hedges challenge match against Australia. England won by 37 runs.

Botham slaughtered the Australian attack in scoring 68 from only 39 balls with seven fours and three sixes before a crowd sure to threaten the ground record attendance of 27,057.

The champion all-rounder plundered 26 runs from one Simon Davis over, hitting the medium-pace for 4, 4, 2, 4, 6 and 6 from the six legal deliveries. The fifth ball was a wide.

Botham's demolition job and his 100-run fourth wicket stand in 50 minutes from just 65 balls with Allan Lamb ensured Australia would face a mammoth victory target.

Lamb's innings was a one-day gem in itself, his 66 coming from only 72 balls, with five boundaries, but it paled into near insignificance against Botham's murderous display. Broadtop-scored with 76, he and Athey pulling on 86 for the opening wicket.

Dean Jones made 104 for Australia in their total of 235 all out in 48.2 overs. England only won off the fifth last ball. Jones hit two sixes and eight fours.

England 272/6 dec. Australia 235, England won by 37 runs.

Pakistan beat Australia by one wicket, scoring off the second last ball of the match.

Australia totalled 273 for 6 in 60 overs. Dean Jones' 121 made him only the fifth man in history to score successive centuries in successive one-day matches. He and Steve Waugh (82) put on 173 for the fourth wicket, a record.

But it was to no avail. Asif Mujtaba (60 n.o.), Quasim Omar (67) and Manzoor Elahi (48) enabled Pakistan to edge their way to victory, despite Waugh's 4 for 58.

Australia 273 for 6, Pakistan 274 for 9, Pakistan won by 1 wicket. South Africa made 493 against the rebel Australians (Riviera 173, Rice 73, Pollock 66). Australia 294 for 6 (Dyson 103 n.o., Garth Le Roux 17-4-23-4).

ENGLISH SOCCER

Everton's great week closes gap

LONDON (Reuters). — Graeme Sharp's second half goal helped Everton to notch their first victory on the plastic pitch at Queen's Park and Rangers to cut Arsenal's lead at the top of the English First Division to one point yesterday.

Everton are the only side in England to emerge from the holiday period with a 100 per cent record, yesterday's 1-0 success being their fourth win in the nine days since Christmas Day.

Arsenal meet north London rivals Tottenham, fifth at start of play, in a televised match today.

Liverpool snatched a late 1-0 win over West Ham, midfielder Steve McMahon's 84th minute goal keeping the champions in third place six points behind Arsenal.

Fourth-placed Nottingham Forest drew 0-0 at Aston Villa, while Norwich scored a late equaliser to draw 1-1 with lowly Charlton Luton joined these two teams on 39 points, nine below Arsenal, after beating Chelsea 1-0 at home.

Manchester United drew 1-1 at Southampton after playing all but 85 seconds of the game with 10 men, following the dismissal of midfielder Liam O'Brien.

Division One										
Aston Villa	6	10	4	1	20-14	19	Nottingham	5	10	4
Leicester	6	10	4	1	20-14	19	Sheff Wed	5	10	4
Liverpool	5	10	4	1	20-14	19	West Ham	5	10	4
Luton	5	10	4	1	20-14	19	Charlton	5	10	4
Manchester C.	5	10	4	1	20-14	19	Oxford	5	10	4
Newcastle	1	10	4	1	20-14	19	Coventry	5	10	4
Norwich	1	10	4	1	20-14	19	Charlton	5	10	4
QPR	6	10	4	1	20-14	19	Everton	1	10	4
Southampton	1	10	4	1	20-14	19	Manchester U.	1	10	4
Wimbledon	2	10	4	1	20-14	19	Watford	1	10	4
Flashes tomorrow: Tottenham v Arsenal										

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Still in the air

THE WINGED lioness rose triumphantly in its maiden flight last week, coming down 26 minutes later to clinch an argument. There is no doubt about it now: the Lavi is a fine military flying machine, perhaps — as one foreign newspaper has put it — the best of its kind in the world today. But that, unfortunately, is no assurance that it will go into production.

Large assumptions were made about the Lavi. For one thing, it was assumed that Israel just had to have an advanced jet fighter of its own making, even if no other country in the world is size did. Reliance on the generosity of even the most reliable of friends, so the argument ran, was no substitute for self-sufficiency in this critical component of the IDF's arsenal. Besides, the development of the Lavi would trigger an overall scientific-technological take-off, revolutionizing the entire economy.

These were largely illusions. The Lavi could never begin to fly, let alone go into production, without U.S. financing and U.S. parts. That does not spell an excess of independence.

The puffing out of the original idea for a light and slim jet fighter into its present much heavier version meant increased costs. The Lavi may still not be quite as expensive as Dov Zakheim, the Under-Secretary of Defence for Policy and Resources, last year claimed it would be. But it will still be much more costly than envisaged from the start.

Although it was assumed a goodly chunk of this amount would be contributed by the U.S., some local military experts have long contended that Israel could not afford to make its own due investment in the project without turning the IDF into a poor appendage of the air force.

As for the claim that the Lavi project would in due course transform the entire economy, this was reminiscent of the sales-talk by U.S. space-programme advocates in the 1960s about the inestimable benefits to America's earthly economy from a flight to the moon.

The production of the Lavi might provide the groundwork for the next generation of fighter aircraft and its attendant avionics, but that it would have meaningful spinoffs for the country's civilian industry is a dubious premise.

What has really occurred in the Lavi programme is a blurring of the distinction between the IDF's procurement needs — a military and strategic matter — and the technological development needs of the nation's economy. The hard-pressed defence budget has been made to bear the costs of this ambiguity. In doing so, the IDF has become a dependency of its supplier — in this case, the Israel Aircraft Industries — instead of master of its own house.

If the government wishes to go ahead with the Lavi programme, it should first of all be removed from the defence budget and made into a national project whose funding must be provided from the budgets devoted to developing the country's economic-technological infrastructure. That would inevitably require trimming other departmental budgets.

If the government is not prepared for such a national effort and the shifts in allocations this would entail, there will be no alternative but to view with new tolerance the substitute proposals for the Lavi which Mr. Zakheim is expected to bring with him this week.

The task then will be to assure that the great work already invested in the Lavi, especially the avionics, will be applicable in any substitute project.

But above all, the IDF must be allowed to get back to building the defence structure which military necessity and strategic thought prescribe, and the Israel Aircraft Industries must get back to building what it, and the government which owns it, can afford.

PERETZ

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with the High Court ruling. "It is better that that decision be honored and that he resign," he said. Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party said on Friday that he opposes removing the national group entry on national-religious grounds.

"The ultra-Orthodox camp doesn't care whether we remove the word Jew from the identity cards because they don't care about the Jewish nature of the State of Israel," he said. "For us, who see Israel as the beginning of our redemption, it is a different matter."

"Rather than resort to such gimmicks, we should be thinking

seriously about the problem of how a person enters the Jewish faith." Because of opposition to the evolving solution, even within the Likud, some thought was being given over the weekend to the idea of a portfolio switch. Peretz has indicated to the Likud that he would be interested in receiving the Housing portfolio. However, that portfolio is in the hands of Deputy Premier David Levy, who cannot be sounded out because he is abroad. Shas activists saw little chance last night for the elimination of the national group entry to go through. There is an apparent determination within Shas to blame the Likud if Peretz takes the party out of the coalition.

PACKAGE

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But an across-the-board agreement for all industries was unnecessary, the sources said, noting that industries exporting to Europe were enjoying large profits. The sources indicated that these industries were able to pay their workers all cost-of-living increases, and that therefore there was no point in freezing the payment of these increments in those industries. Senior Histadrut officials said yesterday that the Histadrut would modify its wage demands if the government agreed to reform the tax

system and to keep inflation down. But the sources emphasized that the Histadrut would adamantly oppose Nissim's tax reforms and insist on retaining cost-of-living allowances. They said that if prices were kept under government control, foreign exchange rates kept stable, subsidies maintained and the health budget left intact, the Histadrut would keep its wage demands low. If the government complied, inflation would remain low and the cost-of-living allowance would be unnecessary or, at worst, quite small.

O'CONNOR

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Catholicism. "Israel is indispensable for salvation." The cardinal, who had just come from a visit to Yad Vashem (see story, page 4), had also suggested to the minister that "the Holocaust was the gift of Judaism to the world." Earlier on Friday, O'Connor had met with the parents of Zecharia Baume, one of three Israeli soldiers

who are believed to be held by one of the terrorist groups in Lebanon. The parents, representing all the families of missing soldiers, asked the cardinal for his aid in securing their release. O'Connor told them he could make no promises, but he would do his best, adding that he was sure a rabbi would make the same effort to release Catholic soldiers.

DISRUPTIONS

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won't show up for work. Those coming to work by car or other means will work only six-hour shifts and a 36-hour week, instead of an eight-hour shift and 40-hour week. The shortened work hours were also part of the accord. Many hospital administrators have called the Health Ministry

warning that they will not be able to cope if the nurses work shorter shifts, because no more nurses in the public health system are available to fill the extra slots and they cannot afford to hire nurses. The ministry says it will see what happens today before considering putting hospitals on an emergency footing.

THE PROPOSAL brought by the director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Yossi Beilin, that Israeli information offices stop distributing the Palestine Covenant and other information about the PLO, and concentrate on explaining what Israel is striving for, is rather curious.

Since the formation of the National Unity Government, Israel has not had a single foreign policy position, but rather two different positions, each representing different perceptions of reality, prospects for peace and concessions towards attaining it, and of Israel's place among nations.

The Likud does not believe that peace — as opposed to merely maintaining the quiet along Israel's borders — is possible. It is not willing to give up any territories west of the Jordan River, but because it does not believe in peace and because it maintains that the territories are rightfully ours and should remain in our possession for eternity. It does not see any value in devising ways to bring about talks with Jordan because it does not believe there is anything practical to talk about. It does not recognize the Palestinians as a separate national entity. Finally, it frequently acts as if it believes that Israel can act as it sees fit, in total disregard of what the gentiles think or basic principles of international law and custom (this manifested itself most recently in the Nakaseh case).

Though Labour does not believe that all Israel has to do to achieve peace is to recognize the PLO and withdraw to the 1949 Armistice Lines, it does view the situation in fluid-dynamic terms, and believes that one should at least try to explore possibilities and avoid closing options. To further the peace process it is willing to make tactical concessions — such as to agree to the convention of an international conference to enable direct talks with

THE biennial Zionist Assembly of the American Zionist Federation, to be held in Philadelphia this month, should herald a new era in the AZF's heretofore disinterested approach to aliyah. That, at least, is the promise that the organization's leadership has made to the three aliyah movements struggling for legitimacy in the U.S. — Telem, the North American Aliyah Movement, and Tachila. Hoping to attract some young faces to what will be a largely geriatric affair, the AZF is allowing the three *magshimim* groups to present a plenary session on aliyah.

Any substantive discussion of aliyah by American Zionist leaders is in itself a novelty, and could perhaps signal a new interest in Zionist fulfilment. Past history and present indicators, however, point to the conclusion that when this conference ends, each of the organizations comprising the AZF — Hadassah, the ZOA, Pioneer Women, et al. — will go back to ignoring the three aliyah groups and avoiding any serious promotion of aliyah.

Judging, for example, by the enormously expensive advertising campaign used to publicize the Zionist Assembly, the federation's priorities regarding aliyah have not changed at all. In full and half-page ads in major general and Jewish newspapers and magazines around the country, the AZF explained and promoted the Zionist movement, its current work, and the Philadelphia assembly. In all that text, the AZF did not even mention aliyah — neither as a central tenet of Zionism, as is mandated by

Curious change in anti-PLO policy

Susan Hattis Rolef

Jordan — and in return for peace it is willing to make strategic concessions such as giving up some of the territories occupied in 1967, especially those with a dense Arab population. Unlike the Likud it recognizes the Palestinians as being a people. Finally, the Labour Party, while not denying the uniqueness of Jewish and Israeli history, accepts the premise that Israel must conduct itself as other civilized nations do and that a policy which does not take the opinions and interests of others into account is not only wrong, but possibly disastrous.

These are the two positions which Israeli information offices must explain abroad if they wish to portray a true picture of the Israeli policy. Within this context one may ask: Does official information policy regarding the PLO contribute or impede efforts to explain what it is that Israel wants?

Perhaps the first thing one must do is explain what the official Israeli line regarding the PLO is. Primarily it is directed towards explaining why Israel refuses to deal with the PLO. It tries to prove that the PLO is an organization trying to realize Palestinian rights at the expense of Israel's existence. The way this is done is to quote the covenant, resolutions of the Palestine National Council and the words of PLO leaders. It tries to show that the PLO rejects compromise on principle — again by quoting the covenant, resolutions and PLO leaders. It tries to show that every

time a PLO representative has made a moderate statement, the statement was either denied or spokesman assassinated. It tries to show that the PLO is deeply involved in international terrorism. It tries to show that the PLO is not the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, was not elected and that terror is one of the means it uses to stop Palestinian moderates (those willing to recognize Israel's right to exist and to coexist with it) from expressing themselves publicly.

As long as Israel refuses to talk to the PLO it must explain why, and these are the reasons. For the Likud, portrayal of the PLO in this way is part of the evidence that peace is nothing but pie in the sky. For Labour, portraying the PLO in this way is part of the argument why Israel is willing to negotiate with Palestinians but not the PLO. So this particular line is part and parcel of explaining both of Israel's positions. Unless the PLO is what Israel says it is, neither the Likud line nor the Labour line is tenable, for then the Likud is wrong with regard to the prospects of peace and Labour is wrong with regard to the Jordanian option being the only option.

There can, however, be several reasons for seeking a change in the information policy.

One may argue that all our efforts to convince the world that the PLO is nothing more than a terrorist organization which wants to liquidate Israel have failed, and it is all a waste of time. But why have we failed? We have failed because the PLO has managed to portray a different image of itself. Our mistake has perhaps been that in addition to the negative material we distribute on the PLO we have also tried to stop foreign leaders and public opinion makers from meeting with PLO leaders. If indeed we believe that the PLO is what we say it is, then it is in our interest that foreign leaders and public opinion makers have maximal exposure to the PLO, to find the truth out for themselves.

Another reason for seeking a change in information policy is if we suspect that the reality is much more complicated than we portray it, and that we have simply been misrepresenting the facts. But if our portrayal of the PLO is wrong, then we are admitting that perhaps our negative attitude towards it is wrong as well.

Perhaps we can further the peace process with the PLO rather than fight against it. But if this is what is happening then it is not only the information which must change but the policy as well — both that of the Likud and that of Labour.

A third reason for seeking a change in information policy may be that though we continue to view the PLO as a rather unsavoury organiza-

tion, we are nevertheless seeking to signal to it and trying to establish contacts with its leaders in order to see whether limited cooperation may be established on several issues such as trying to eliminate Abu Nidal, or trying to counteract Moslem fundamentalism.

In the past none other than Ariel Sharon proposed that we assist the PLO to get rid of King Hussein. We seem willing to cooperate at various levels with all sorts of unsavoury regimes and bodies, so why not the PLO? Because its covenant speaks of Israel's liquidation? Iran also speaks of Israel's liquidation and that did not stop us from selling it arms. Besides, whatever the PLO covenant may say many PLO leaders, including Arafat himself, have admitted (in private) that the liquidation of Israel is not a practical goal.

I suspect that if there are any chances for getting the PLO to amend its covenant (and it is not certain that such chances exist) it will be as a result of direct contacts with it, not as a precondition for such contacts. Indeed, it might be worthwhile stopping our anti-PLO vindictive for a while to examine whether we can further any of our interests (including bringing about changes in the PLO) in this way. We can always revert to our anti-PLO campaign at a later date. Then we might add a new line to our *hasbara*: "We tried but the PLO wouldn't play."

That is what happened to King Hussein — he tried and the PLO wouldn't play. However, I suspect that Beilin's proposals are not based on any of the above mentioned possible considerations but on his personal preference for a positive line rather than a negative one.

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Armchair U.S. Zionists

Jay Shofet

the Zionist's holy creed, the "Jerusalem Platform," nor even as an afterthought. Zionist leadership is apparently — and in the present climate of opinion perhaps justifiably — concerned that in any broad-based appeal for support, the mere mention of aliyah would alienate more Jews than it would attract.

These same Zionist leaders are quite vocal and sincere when calling for the aliyah of their Soviet or Ethiopian co-religionists. In a local context, however, rather than lead the call for North American aliyah, American Zionist leaders weakly follow the cue of the comfortable, well-ensconced American Jewish community.

DECADES AGO, this was not the case. Then, the American Zionist movement was instrumental in leading the Jewish community to support the Palestinian *yishuv* and the fledgling Jewish State. Today, after nearly 40 years of independent Jewish statehood, broad support for the aims of Zionism and deep commitment to Israel are established norms in all sectors of American Jewish life. Like the official Zionist movement itself, the other organizations in American Jewish life support Israel financially. Like the Zionist movement, the rest of the American Jewish community has organized to lobby in Washington for political

and economic support for Israel — and, in the case of Aipac, has achieved far greater influence. As we enter 1987, it is fair to ask what in practice distinguishes the Zionist movement from the general Jewish community, a distinction that the Zionists jealously guard and cherish? It is certainly not the fostering of Hebrew culture — a goal also mandated by the "Jerusalem Platform" — for while the leaders of the American Jewish community do not, by and large, speak Hebrew, neither do the Zionists.

In fact, the dirty little secret of American Zionism — discussed in every executive board meeting, but never uttered publicly — is that the emperor wears no clothes. The gradual Zionization of the American Jewish community has left the Zionist movement itself with no distinguishing features. In the eyes of Jewish leaders, in the eyes of the Zionist *shlichim* sent to North America, and in the eyes of the *magshimim*, the Zionist movement stands naked, exposed as a feeble anachronism that Jewish time and historical tides have passed by. New York's 515 Park Avenue is an embarrassing white elephant, headquarters of a movement and a bureaucracy whose *raison d'être* has vanished, yet whose functionaries busy themselves main-

taining a costly fiction.

At present, the American Zionist movement has nothing unique, nothing important to offer the Jewish community. A sincere and vigorous promotion of aliyah is the one vital issue calling out for leadership, yet Zionist leaders have chosen not to lead but to follow a Jewish community uniquely comfortable in the Diaspora. Once, the Zionist movement was the natural address for leadership on the ingathering of the Jews in Zion. Now, as the trend towards the Zionization of the community spreads, the United Jewish Appeal has begun to launch aliyah projects and programmes of its own. Very soon, the Zionist movement may find its own meager aliyah efforts lagging far behind the work of its "non-Zionist" counterparts. It would be hard to imagine a sadder farce than this coming to pass in the name of the Zionist movement.

AT THIS moment then, and at the Zionist Assembly in Philadelphia, the leaders of the Zionist movement are faced with a stark choice: to seize leadership of the aliyah question, to publicize it, to make it their top priority, or to cease maintaining the irrelevant distinction that their organizations are Zionist, and the other Jewish organizations something else. The Zionists have the moral duty to either give authentic meaning to their "Jerusalem Platform," or to settle back into American Jew-

ish life, continuing their pragmatic support of Israel within a general Jewish context.

Only when the meaningless, artificial distinction between Zionists and "non-Zionists" is erased can the real line of distinction in American Jewish life surface. What truly matters is the crucial distinction between the supporters of Zionism, virtually all Jews, and the fulfillers of Zionism, the *magshimim*.

For the sake of Zion, the American Jewish public and the current Zionist leadership must recognize that the fulfillment of Zionism is aliyah. For, while fundraising and political lobbying are legitimate expressions of Zionism, it is the *magshimim* who must be acknowledged as the authentic leaders of North American Zionism today.

History is not often written in the course of a panel discussion. An aliyah plenary session at the Philadelphia Zionist Assembly is well and good, but it is imperative that it be followed up with a sincere change in the priorities of the American Zionist Federation. Telem and the other aliyah movements will be working and lobbying energetically in Philadelphia to nurture the spark of interest in aliyah that the plenary session may ignite. For business as usual in the Zionist establishment means a continuing uphill struggle for community-wide recognition by the *magshimim*, and a continued mockery of the hallowed tenets of Zionism by the Zionists.

The writer is former North American chairman of Telem — the Movement for Zionist Fulfilment — and a recent alch.

READERS' LETTERS

THE BLACK HEBREWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The letter, "The case for absorbing the Black Hebrews" by John Kaplan (December 23) is a gross misrepresentation of the true situation.

Kaplan's statement about Jewish religious fanatics and "crazy Palestinians" being tolerated whereas Black Hebrews "are fair game" ignores the basic fact that the Black Hebrews came here on tourist visas and therefore their stay after three months is illegal. I have a suspicion that if they were white, they would have been deported long ago. Therefore, if anything, Israel bends over backwards in their favour.

Kaplan's statement that the Black Hebrews are "misfits and foreigners" even in their home country in America does not qualify them to live in Israel, but it obliges America to tolerate them as American citizens.

Kaplan's claim that only their pride prevents the Black Hebrews from converting to Judaism is simply not correct, to put it mildly. Black Hebrews believe that they are the true Jews and we are impostors, and that Israel is their country, not ours.

If "a great step towards a democratic society" is required, then one should be reminded that the main principle of a democratic society is the rule of law, and those who break it should be treated accordingly. This applies also to tourists who overstay their allotted time.

JACOB ROSIN
Netanya.

BBC REPORTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Like Cordelia, my inclination is to "Love, and be silent," but events proved her wrong and I shall not follow her example.

In his letter of December 28, David Aarons says that on Sunday, December 14, he heard "within five minutes" two "vicious anti-Israel" reports, one by myself, the other by Felicia Langer. What was broadcast that morning was an interview in the 24 Hours programme with lawyer Felicia Langer, who happened to be in London, and a report by me in a following but quite separate programme, *From Our Own Correspondent*.

Ms. Langer may speak for herself, but your readers may like to know what my "vicious anti-Israel" report was about. It was about Bethlehem at Christmas seen from the viewpoint of people living in Dheisheh camp and of ordinary Christian Arabs living in the town. Mr. Aarons is perfectly entitled to disagree with the report, but equally your readers must surely be given some idea as to what he was complaining about. I am saddened that he has chosen to interpret what was an attempt to throw some light on the recent disturbances as something that was "anti-Israel."

I warmly commend to Mr. Aarons the advice of his friends who told him that the "extremely biased anti-Israel reportage" of the BBC "really was not so."

PAUL REYNOLDS,
BBC Correspondent
Jerusalem.

WOMEN IN IRAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Ya'acov Landman's article of December 17 about the situation of women in Iran today. A letter I received recently from friends of mine in Germany (Righteous Gentiles) further illustrates the decrees of the Iranian government with regard to women.

My friend and his wife recently applied at the Iranian Consulate in Munich for a visa to visit friends. They were told that the wife would have to promise to wear a full-length coat and a veil on her head when in public, and also not to wear nylon stockings.

My friends declined the visa and decided they preferred to come to Israel again.

MORDECHAI NOY
Ramat Gan.

UNSEEMLY DEBATE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A new immigrant can only view the current budget debate as a tragedy-comedy. The process seems purposely designed to provoke open squabbles, interperate outbursts and public posturing on the part of ministers and officials.

In other countries, too, budgets are presented and debated. But there, the birth pangs and deliberations take place within the councils of the appropriate ministries. Once the budget is published, ministers, at least officially, back it and refrain from criticizing it or their colleagues.

An adoption of these procedures here would go a long way to help inspire confidence in the government and respect for its ministers.

JOEL LITKE
Jerusalem.

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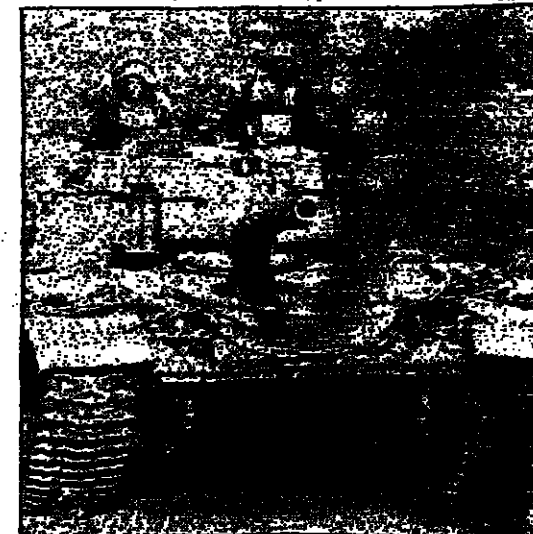
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